

Sample Letter to Republican Legislators

Dear Assembly Member/Senator _____,

These are troubled times for California. Years of shortsighted political pandering have left the state with truly staggering budget problems. But Californians demand and deserve better. We want a budget solution that preserves services we all need, and positions our economy for recovery.

The governor's proposed budget preserves billions of dollars in tax cuts for oil companies and the state's biggest businesses. But it will have drastic impacts on California's economy. It will:

- Drain \$24 billion from California's economy, stunting the state's recovery efforts
- Drive up the unemployment rate by more than two percent, plunging California further into recession
- Deny 300,000 students a college education and increase class sizes in our public schools, making California less competitive
- Decimate public safety and the public services that maintain our quality of life and attract businesses
- Result in a loss of billions in federal funds

Frankly, this is unacceptable—no matter what you promised Grover Norquist. The last time I checked, he neither lives nor votes in California.

I do.

As my representative, I expect you to protect all Californians and the services we depend on. I expect you to support a balanced budget solution that includes revenue increases.

Yours truly,
