

## Sample Letter to the Governor

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

On May 19, we tried to tell you we're tired of the mess you've made of the California budget.

We tried to tell you we approved of the budget the Assembly had passed earlier that you vetoed.

We sent a clear message that we wanted a balanced budget solution that includes revenue increases. In fact, we'd like you to know:

- 74% of California voters support increasing tobacco taxes
- 73% of California voters support an oil extraction tax
- 63% of California support raising the state income tax for top earners

We don't want drastic cuts to the programs we depend on. We don't want to close schools and parks. And we don't want \$2.5 billion a year in more corporate tax breaks for a handful of the world's largest corporations. Or to lose billions in federal funds because you made stupid cuts.

I understand the state faces tough choices. But you do have choices. I expect you to make choices that help keep teachers in the classroom, public safety personnel on duty, infrastructure projects moving, and our treasured state parks open. I expect you to raise revenues.

I hope I've made myself perfectly clear this time.

Yours truly,

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