



CALIFORNIANS
Against HIGHER TAXES
MORE JOBS, NOT TAXES

Californians have been hit with \$12.5 billion in new taxes in 2009 alone. Now, instead of working to create jobs and new opportunities for all Californians, Sacramento wants to raise your taxes again, *by billions more!*

Many politicians, supported by powerful interest groups, are still calling for billions in new fees and taxes and working to make it easier to raise your taxes in the future.

More taxes won't solve the state budget crisis - they will only hurt California families, cost jobs and stifle our economic recovery.

Instead of raising taxes, Legislators should be encouraging California businesses to grow and create more jobs:

- California's unemployment rate stands at 11% and is expected to continue to rise.
- The Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council ranked California 49th out of 50 states in a survey to determine the "least friendly policy environment for entrepreneurship."
- California's lack of focus on our economy has contributed to our state slipping from the world's 5th largest economy to the 8th.
- According to the Milken Institute, California is the 6th most expensive state to do business in the nation.
- At a time when the country is focused on growing the economy, raising taxes will undermine the federal stimulus program by taking money out of the state's economy.
- A growing economy is in the best interest of all Californians because it creates jobs and opportunities for working families while generating the revenues needed to fund state priorities such as education and infrastructure.

Despite California's dire economic circumstances, special interests continue to propose new taxes that will cost Californians billions!

- One government employee union is proposing 31 new taxes on consumers and businesses to rake in \$40 billion!
- Special interests want to raise taxes that will increase the costs of consumer goods including gas, vehicle licenses, beverages, and internet purchases. They

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even want to tax services – like nursery schools, auto repairs and funeral services!

- Other tax proposals on the table include higher property taxes, increased taxes on small business and independent contractors, and increased taxes on our most innovative high-tech and biotech companies.
- The tax and spend crowd in Sacramento also wants to make it easier to pass more tax increases in the future by lowering the Legislature's 2/3 supermajority vote requirement stating that it will end budget stalemates.

Raising taxes to fund out-of-control spending will hurt consumers and families - and cost more jobs.

- Taxing goods and services will hurt cash-strapped families who are already being forced to cut spending as a result of lost jobs and depleted savings.
- More taxes on our best employers and businesses will only make our economy worse, causing even more layoffs and fewer revenues for critical services like schools and public safety.
- As the state raises taxes on business, it will place them at a competitive disadvantage to companies in other states and result in fewer jobs for Californians and less revenue in the state.

California has a spending problem, not a revenue problem.

- State spending grew by \$30 billion in the ten years prior to our current budget crisis.
- Because of our lack of restraint, California now has the worst credit rating among the 50 states making it that much harder to deal with the current fiscal crisis.
- It is time the Legislature does what most California families are being forced to do: reign in spending and waste and live within their means!