

# Sisters and Brothers, It's Time to Fight!

## Facts on California's Legislative Budget Cuts

The Californian legislature, Republicans and Democrats, have stripped our working class of hard earned social services...here is a list of just *some* of the cuts to our safety net.

### Welfare for Women and Children

- **\$528 million** cut from the CalWORKs program
- **\$80 million** cut from other child welfare programs

### Healthcare

- **\$61 million** cut from Medi-Cal, California's version of Medicaid
- **\$50 million** cut from Healthy Families
- **\$52 million cut** in HIV/AIDS related programs and services
- **\$6.3 million** cut for social and medical services for our elderly population
- **\$37.5 million** cut from the In-Home Supportive Services program for the elderly and disabled
- **40,000** elderly and disabled people were dropped from In-Home Supportive Services
- **90,000** more will lose some services such as aid in cooking and cleaning

### Domestic Violence Shelters

- **\$16 million** eliminated in financing for the state's Domestic Violence Program
- **6** domestic violence shelters have closed.

### Education

- **\$17 billion** cut from California's Public Schools and Colleges.
- **20,000** K-12 teachers laid off
- **\$50 million** cuts in the Early Start services program
- **\$2 billion** in cuts for higher education
- CSU students will pay **32%** higher tuition and UC students will pay **10%** more
- Community College fees went up **30%** with fewer courses being offered

## Workers

- **200,000** state government employees have been ordered to take three days off a month without pay, the equivalent of a **14% pay cut**.
- California has a **12% unemployment rate** and the **highest mortgage foreclosure in the country**.

## California Parks

- **\$6.2 to 11 million** cut in funding for parks

## Tax Facts

- In **2007**, the bottom fifth of taxpayers -- those earning less than about **\$18,000** -- paid about **11.7%** of family income in state and local taxes. By contrast, the top **1%**, earning **\$430,000 or more**, paid only about **7.1%** on average, counting the deduction of state and local taxes many could take from their federal tax bill ([California Budget Project](#)).
- Between **2000** and **2007**, total corporate profits **tripled**. Between **2000** and **2007**, **60 %** of all income increases went to the top **1/5th** of income earners (California Franchise Tax Board).
- Overall, the portion of the state budget paid for by taxes on corporations is only **10 %**, while **50 %** comes from our personal income taxes!

## We Demand

**Repeal the budget cuts!**

**Stop the war in Iraq & Afghanistan!**

**Close tax loopholes!**

**Tax corporations and the wealthy!**

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