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

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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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