

SAMPLE LETTER

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The Honorable (Insert Name)
California State (Insert Assembly/Senate)
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 94248-0001

Dear _

As a member of the PTA, I am writing to ask you to think about children FIRST in considering solutions to the state budget crisis.

Please know that I understand the magnitude of the current financial crisis. Families throughout California are living each day with the realities of the economic downturn. But families also understand we all have a responsibility to children.

There are tough decisions to be made. But please understand -California's responsibility to children cannot be compromised in bad economic times.

The proposed budget cuts threaten an entire generation of children -and that seriously threatens California's economic future.

California is now 47th in the nation in terms of how much we invest in the education of each student. Your decision on the budget will determine if we move forward or backward in our commitment to the future. Your decision will determine whether we abandon quality schools and health and social services for our children. Your decision will determine if tomorrow's workers have the skills they need.

That's how much is at stake.

We must find a balanced approach to the budget crisis that includes **sufficient new revenues** to protect children and the future of California.

The smartest economic recovery plan for California is to invest in children.

Sincerely,

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**Name of PTA
Your Address**