

SAMPLE TELEPHONE SCRIPT

Use this message when talking to your state legislators and the Governor -or adopt your own talking points based on these.

Hello, my name is and I reside in _

- As a volunteer member of the California State PTA I ask that you please think about children FIRST in considering this budget.
- When you took your oath of office, you pledged to *all* constituents and to *all Californians* that you would "well and faithfully discharge" your duties. One of your most important duties is to pass a responsible budget: one that does not harm children.
- PTA urges a balanced and reasonable approach to solving the state's ongoing budget problem, and that includes new revenues.
- We 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 that we have a responsibility to children.
- Our responsibility to children cannot be cut in bad economic times.
- New revenues to hold our children harmless in this budget are the smartest investment California can make. Indeed, the very future of our state depends upon it.