

**SAMPLE WRITING for LEGISLATOR E-MAILS & LETTERS**

Date

Name

California State Assembly or Senate

E-mail Address or Mailing Address

Dear Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_,

I am contacting you, as my elected representative, to urge you to protect education funding in the state budget by rejecting the Governor’s proposal to cut \$4.8 billion from public education. Our students did not create this budget crisis and their education shouldn’t be ransomed to resolve it.

I am concerned about how cuts will impact \_\_\_\_\_ School and the Los Angeles Unified School District. This could mean losing talented, valuable teachers, increasing class sizes, and reducing student health and safety services.

California voters believe that public schools should be a top priority and have repeatedly reaffirmed their support for Proposition 98, a *minimum* school funding guarantee. Our state already ranks 46<sup>th</sup> out of 50 in per pupil spending and ranks dead last in providing librarians, counselors and other support staff in our schools. Suspending Proposition 98 would move us to the very bottom in per pupil spending.

So far, the Governor’s budget proposes to balance the state’s deficit through cuts alone. Such an incredibly short-sighted approach would devastate our students, put the health and safety needs of our state on the chopping block, and jeopardize California’s future.

We are the richest state in the richest country in the world, but our priorities are upside-down. It is unfair to cut education and any other social program while the richest people in California are taking home billions in tax breaks.

I urge you, as my legislator, to REJECT any efforts to cut school funding and all other needed social services. As an alternative, I urge you to SUPPORT creative solutions to increase revenues for our students and schools, and for essential services to poor and working families.

Sincerely,

Name

Role

School

***Please submit e-mail/letter copies to your Chapter Chair.  
Chapter Chair: Bring the duplicates to the May 21 Area Meetings.  
THANK YOU!***

## SAMPLE TELEPHONE CALL SCRIPT

“Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a teacher/ \_\_\_\_\_ (identify educator role). I am contacting Assemblyperson/State Senator \_\_\_\_\_ (name) to urge him/her to protect education funding in the state budget by rejecting the Governor’s proposal to cut \$4.8 billion from public education. Our students did not create this budget crisis and their education shouldn’t be ransomed to resolve it. I am concerned about how cuts will impact \_\_\_\_\_ School and the Los Angeles Unified School District. This could mean losing talented, valuable teachers, increasing class sizes, and reducing student health and safety services.

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