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Michigan's Budget Crisis

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Governor Granholm has already had to cut more than \$3 billion in state government more than any of her predecessors, but Michigan is still facing huge budget shortfalls. The state does not take in enough money to pay for the vital services on which we all depend. **This crisis affects every one of us...**

Unless the huge budget deficit is addressed, **there will have to be immediate, damaging cuts in state government.** These cuts would mean closing public schools, eliminating health care programs for the poor, elderly and children, drastically cutting funding for local police and fire protection and the early release of prisoners. Here are some facts about Michigan's budget crisis:



Higher education in Michigan has already been cut by \$250 million in the last few years. As a result, college students and their families have had to cope with **double digit increases.** We won't have the college graduates needed to help Michigan's economy if they can't afford to get their degrees.

Funding for local governments has been cut by \$585 million **resulting in a loss of over 1,600 police officers** and cuts in local services. **Do we really want fewer police officers keeping our streets safe?**



Because of cuts to MIOSHA and OSHA, **workers are at an increased risk of workplace injury and death.** It's only going to get worse with reduced funding, **We need more protection at work, not less.**

**Working people in Michigan can't
take any more budget cuts!**

For more information on Michigan's budget crisis, go to www.miaflcio.org.