

**AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE
FROM YOUR UNION**

Michigan's Budget Crisis

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Currently Michigan is in the worst budget crisis since the early 1950's. It is due to a structural deficit that has been in existence beginning in 2000 when tax cuts along with a declining economy caused the state to take in sufficiently less revenue than needed to cover its expenses. Since taking office in 2002, Governor Granholm has cut almost \$4 billion from the state's expenditures as well as an additional \$5 billion through fee increases, one-time fixes and accounting changes. The state workforce is at the level it was in the early 1970's while trying to take care of the needs of one million more people. *The time has come to address the on-going structural deficit problem.* Continuing to address these issues as we have done in the past (cuts and "quick fixes") is not the answer. Education at all levels, state services and programs, health care and local governmental units must be adequately funded. Additional sources of revenue must be found as well as a full replacement of the Single Business Tax moneys by businesses. Michigan must be restored to financial stability.



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?

CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS
IN LANSING TODAY AND
TELL THEM TO VOTE FOR A REVENUE INCREASE

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

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