



Make your voice heard!

Your legislators need to hear from you to know you support raising revenue fairly.

Critical public services are at stake due to the current budget shortfall. If legislators don't hear from constituents who support revenue-raising we cannot count on a balanced solution.

Instructions for making the call:

1. Use the following link to get phone numbers for your state representative and state senator: <http://www.gis.leg.mn/OpenLayers/districts/>

2. Call them with the following message:

"My name is _____ and I am a constituent in your district.

My address is _____.

I am calling to let you know that I am very concerned about the cuts-only approach in the legislature. We need to use all of the tools available to solve the current budget shortfalls. That includes raising revenues based on ability to pay. That is the only way we can maintain adequate funding that (*pick one or name your own*):

- Keeps our firefighters and teachers on the job.
- Allows people with disabilities to maintain their independence.
- Invests in our children and educates our future workforce.
- Helps people struggling to make ends meet to maintain their self-sufficiency.

And avoid painful cuts like (*pick one or name your own*):

- Reducing services for special-needs children with the elimination of the "special education growth factor" providing funding to schools.
- Reducing services that maintain the independence of people with disabilities through a \$483 million cut to the disability waiver program.
- Eliminating access to healthcare for 7,200 people on Minnesota Care.
- Eliminating retraining opportunities for dislocated workers through the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Program.
- Over 300,000 low- and moderate-income households seeing a cut to their renters' property tax refund of up to \$300 often used to afford basic necessities.

Please contact me at *phone/ email* to let me know if in you will consider supporting a balanced approach that includes revenues raised fairly. Thank you."

3. Wasn't that easy? Please report back to leah@mncn.org/ 651-757-3063 so we can track calls made and any responses received from elected officials.

Encourage others in your network to make calls too!