

# Critical services are at stake. Make your voice heard!



**Your legislators need to hear from you on April 21<sup>st</sup> 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 supporting revenue-raising we cannot count on a balanced solution. Make 2 calls on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> so that our voices are heard in unison.

## **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/mapserver/districts/>
- 2. Call them with the following message:**

“My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a constituent in your district.

I am calling to let you know that I support raising revenues fairly. We cannot solve the current budget shortfall without adequate funding for public services that Minnesotans count on to make ends meet. We need a balanced solution, including a balanced tax system where everyone pays their fair share. ”

- 3. Some important facts in case you get an opportunity to say more:**
  - Minnesota must take a balanced approach to solving the state's \$6.4 billion budget shortfall. Given the magnitude of the problem, no options should be taken off the table. Balancing solely through spending cuts takes dollars out Minnesota's economy.
  - Minnesotans support fair taxes. But the Department of Revenue reports that those making more than \$448,000 annually pay 8.9% of their incomes in state and local taxes while those making around \$31,000 - \$67,000 pay over 12%.
  - The state's budget-balancing decisions should not make the impact of the recession worse for those Minnesotans least able to weather the downturn. We must have adequate funds to maintain services people need during tough economic times.
- 4. Wasn't that easy? Encourage your friends and colleagues to make calls as well!**

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