

We Need JOBS NOW—Write your Elected Officials Now!

An original, handwritten letter is one of the best ways to communicate with elected officials. You can use the sample message below as a guide in writing to your state legislator or the Governor.

- **Include your own thoughts or a personal story**
- **Be polite – don't threaten**
- **Be brief and to the point**
- **Include your name and home address**

Messages:

Our primary task as a state must be to protect our communities by investing in jobs and public necessities, like education, health care and public safety. We urge you to support our quality of life and rebuild a strong state economy and:

1. Substantially increase revenue and utilize revenue bonding to protect critical services and jobs in education, health care and public safety.
2. Put a \$2 billion general obligation bond on the spring ballot that will create 30,000 direct jobs, and many more indirectly, by building and repairing community assets—including public buildings, bridges, state parks, water and irrigation systems, and college campuses.
3. End unjustified tax breaks that don't create jobs, and reform our tax break system to make it more transparent and accountable.

Include a personal story. Examples:

- My brother hasn't worked in construction in over a year and is sleeping in our spare room.
- My daughter graduated 6 months ago and can't find a job.
- My nephew returned from IRAQ and can't find a job. He, his wife and baby are close to being on the street.
- My son's family lost their health insurance when he lost his job and they are at risk of losing their home.

Write your original, hand-written message below the dotted line.

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