

Commission on the 21st Century Economy
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Dear Chairman Parsky

I just became aware of this Commission and some of the ideas it is considering. I haven't found anything you are considering that addresses the real problem in California: We have a spending problem that must be brought under control without resorting to more taxes. You have heard it before but I will repeat it: THE POWER TO TAX IS THE POWER TO DESTROY. The last thing we need in California's economy is more money sucked away from businesses that provide jobs. Every tax increase is money out of the Consumer's pocket.

Some specific concerns are Doubling the Gasoline tax, an "overhaul" of the business tax structure, and Property tax changes that would increase Property tax initially on business. One would like to think "it's OK to tax business because they just pass it on". And that means to the consumer. And I find it completely unacceptable to spend a BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR on illegal immigrants

In short, tax increases are not the way to go. Any well run enterprise must constantly look for and implement cost reductions.

Were Taxed Enough Already. It has to stop. A serious house cleaning and restructuring in California must start **and be effective**.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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