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The American GI Forum celebrates 50 years of service to veterans!
"Veterans Helping Veterans"

September 8, 2009

Mr. Gerald Parsky, Chair
Commission on the 21st Century Economy
c/o State of California Department of Finance
915 L Street, 8th Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Mr. Parsky:

Our organization is dedicated to meeting the needs and improving the lives of Hispanic veterans. Our veterans face unique physical, economic and societal challenges once they conclude their military service and return to civilian life. We hope your Commission will not add further to their burdens by promoting higher fuel taxes.

Many Hispanic veterans are challenged by service-related disabilities, limited employment and job-training opportunities and the lack of a strong support system. The recent economic recession has been particularly hard on them as jobs and opportunities have dwindled.

Our organization sees first-hand the difficulties our veterans are facing just to pay the rent, feed themselves and their families and pay for essential medical care not covered by insurance or state and federal programs. Higher gas taxes would translate to even more hardship.

The stated purpose of one such tax the Commission is reportedly considering, the "pollution tax," is to raise fuel taxes so they will be reflected in higher prices at the pump, encouraging conservation.

For these veterans, buying gasoline is not a luxury – it's a necessary expense that allows them to get to work, or to job interviews, or to job training, or to health care services for them and their families. Their circumstances have already forced them to conserve as much as they possibly can. Any increases in fuel taxes or in the price of gasoline at the pump will create severe hardship for them.

We hope the Tax Commission will say no to the severe burdens that fuel tax increases will impose on our veterans, their families, and the state's economy.

Sincerely,

State Commander, American GI Forum of California

To:

From: Danny DeTora

Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

To All Commissioners c/o Gerald Parsky, Chair:

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Danny DeTora

Citrus Heights, CA, 95610

To:
From: Mr. & Mrs. Ed Galicki
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

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I thought you guys wanted to get re-elected. I guess not.

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Mr. & Mrs. Ed Galicki

San Diego, CA, 92117

To:

From: Mr. & Mrs. Dan and Shirley Andrews

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Desert Hot Springs, CA, 92241

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From: Mary teinhouse
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Mary teinhouse

Fullerton, CA, 92833

To:
From: Lydia Nelson
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Lydia Nelson

Hanford, CA, 93230

To:

From: Ben Shaw

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How can we allow this to continue? When do we say, "Enough is enough!" ?
My answer, "Right Now!"

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Ben Shaw

Long Beach, CA, 90814

To:
From: TIM YOUNG
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TIM YOUNG

San Jacinto, CA, 92582

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From: Richard De Rose
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Sincerely,

Richard De Rose

Laguna Niguel, CA, 92677

To:
From: William Haugh
Subj: REDUCE taxes, DO NOT raise taxes

To All Commissioners c/o Gerald Parsky, Chair:

STOP tax increases
REDUCE taxes
HALT the lavish pensions

A voter revolt is on the way. Hear our voice or you will not be re-elected.

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Sincerely, Bill Haugh

William Haugh

La Palma, CA, 90623

To:

From: Mr. & Mrs. John Renstrom

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Mr. & Mrs. John Renstrom

Camarillo, CA, 93010

To:
From: Bruce Williams
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Sincerely,

Bruce Williams

Henderson, NV, 89044

To:
From: Arzell Hale
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

To All Commissioners c/o Gerald Parsky, Chair:

Taxes, fees and environmental regulations are destroying industry in California.

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Our company alone has lost 300,000 tons annual sales in California because of customers shutting down or moving out of state. This will continue if industry doesn't get some relief and protection in California.

Sincerely, Arzell hale

Arzell Hale

Trona, CA, 93562

To:
From: Marilyn Mazzarulli
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It is time to listen to your constituents, more taxes will continue to drive business and families out of the state.

Marilyn Mazzarulli

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Palm Desert, CA, 92260

To:
From: gary fornfeist
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gary fornfeist

Woodbridge, CA, 95258

To:

From: Robert Folster

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Cathedral City, CA, 92234

To:
From: Brian Fisher
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

To All Commissioners c/o Gerald Parsky, Chair:

STOP the taxes, decrease taxes and spending.

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Please do the right thing and cut spending, live within our means.

Sincerely,

Brian Fisher

Stevenson Ranch, CA, 91381

To:
From: Glenn Koons
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

To All Commissioners c/o Gerald Parsky, Chair:

When will the liberal state legislature finally realize that raising taxes and not stopping unfunded mandates is self defeating. People and businesses are leaving our state and seniors like myself are suffering with higher taxes for no good purpose other than to get politicians re-elected. Enough.

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If Ca. is always in the forefront of trends, perhaps cutting taxes and spending would be a new fresh breath of reality and common sense for Democrats. It might even make the federal government take notice.

Sincerely,

Glenn Koons

Long Beach, CA, 90814

To:

From: Mr. & Mrs. michael plesset

Subj: No more taxes, cut excessive spending.

To All Commissioners c/o Gerald Parsky, Chair:

Increased taxes of any kind will make California's problems worse, not better. The problem is excessive spending, creating a downward spiral in the economy.

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The excessive spending and over taxation in California is the problem, and it comes from a corrupt and irresponsible legislature.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. michael plesset

San Gabriel, CA, 91775

To:

From: Donna McKinney

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Donna McKinney

Arbuckle, CA, 95912

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From: Michael Winter
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Michael Winter

Aliso Viejo, CA, 92656

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Forest Falls, CA, 92339

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There is no such thing as government revenues since government doesn't produce anything, but deficits because of irresponsible spending. Be responsible. Do the right thing. Cut our taxes. All us to prosper on our own, and stop making us wards of an irresponsible government.

Sincerely,

Robin Ingraham, Jr.

Atwater, CA, 95301

To:
From: Joy Jackson
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

To All Commissioners c/o Gerald Parsky, Chair:

Please do not raise taxes on the struggling people of this state. We can by hard work and investment in the future, pull this state out of the recession if government does not interfere.

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Government has become a millstone around hard-working American's necks. You should be working for us, not the other way around. No more raises voted in for government workers while you vote to raise our taxes!!!

Sincerely,

Joy Jackson

Escondido, CA, 92029

To:
From: Jo Elsner
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

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Jo Elsner

San Diego, CA, 92129

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From: Michele Martinez
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Michele Martinez

Hayward, CA, 94541

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From: Brent Langrehr
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Upland, CA, 91784

To:
From: Corey Carskaddon
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

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Corey Carskaddon

Sacramento, CA, 95827

To:
From: Don Thoza
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

To All Commissioners c/o Gerald Parsky, Chair:

We seniors on fixed incomes are really hurting now. Please don't add more tax burdens. Please try to find ways to stop spending, like in illegal immigrants and on legislative boondoggles.

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As an 80 year old senior I would certainly appreciate your help and concern.

Sincerely,

Don Thoza

Coronado, CA, 92118

To:
From: Randy Braatz
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

To All Commissioners c/o Gerald Parsky, Chair:

We've already been hit with \$12.5 billion in new taxes. Now, Sacramento wants to raise our taxes by billions more. More taxes won't solve the state budget crisis - they only hurt California families and cost jobs.

The Legislature needs to do what every California family is being forced to do: cut spending and live within its means - not raise taxes.

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Randy Braatz

Huntington Beach, CA, 92647

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From: Denise Steiner
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Denise Steiner

La Canada, CA, 91011

To:
From: Scott Wolfe
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Scott Wolfe

Ladera Ranch, CA, 92694

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From: Robert Fortmeier
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California's Legislature should only work part time and be paid accordingly. No more benefits and services for illegals.

Sincerely,

Robert Fortmeier

San Clemente, CA, 92673

To:
From: Jean Jackson
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

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Jean Jackson

Concord, CA, 94521

To:
From: Thomas Lynden
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

To All Commissioners c/o Gerald Parsky, Chair:

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If California does not get their spending under control, our economy will continue its downward spiral.

Sincerely,

Thomas Lynden

Hercules, CA, 94547

To:
From: James Grandi
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

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Elk Grove, CA, 95624

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Oakland, CA, 94607

To:
From: Rick VanZee
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

To All Commissioners c/o Gerald Parsky, Chair:

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Sincerely,

Rick VanZee

Hawthorne, CA, 90250

To:
From: Keith Franz
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Harbor City, CA, 90710

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Sincerely,

Susan Carter

Palm Springs, CA, 92262

To:
From: Warren Cormier
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

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San Diego, CA, 92120

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From: Marty Pavlakovich
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Sincerely,

Marty Pavlakovich

Foresthill, Ca, 95631

To:
From: David Duranceau
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

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We can not continue down the road of spending and Taxing! We were once the Greatest State in the Union, and now we are last in almost everything!

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I will be forced to move from the State I have called home for over 50 years if our taxes continue to go up! Enough is enough!

Sincerely,

David Duranceau

Hemet, CA, 92544

To:
From: Nancy Hernandez
Subj: No more new taxes!!!!!!

To All Commissioners c/o Gerald Parsky, Chair:

Apparently you people in Sacramento are deaf and did not hear the loud, clear rejection of new taxes in the May election.

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I'm having a hard enough time keeping up with my bills now, and do NOT need you people making it more difficult for me. Please oppose any new taxes for this state.

Sincerely,

Nancy Hernandez

Hawthorne, CA, 90250

To:
From: Richard Rider
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

To All Commissioners c/o Gerald Parsky, Chair:

We don't need higher taxes in CA. Consider these excerpts from my article below:

Breaking Bad: California vs. the Other States
by Richard Rider, Chairman, San Diego Tax Fighters
Revised 30 August, 2009

Here's a depressing comparison of California taxes and economic climate with the rest of the states.

CA has the 4th highest state income tax in the nation. 9.55% at \$47,055. 10.55% at \$1,000,000

By far the highest state sales tax in the nation. 8.25% (not counting local sales taxes)

Highest state car tax in the nation.

Corporate income tax rate is the highest in the West (our economic competitors).

2009 Business Tax Climate ranks 48th in the nation.
www.taxfoundation.org/research/topic/15.html

Fourth highest capital gains tax 9.55%
www.thereibrain.com/realstate-blog/capital-gains-tax-rates-state-by-state/109/

Highest gasoline tax (averaging 64.5 cents/gallon) in the nation (July, 2009).
www.api.org/statistics/fueltaxes/

Fourth highest unemployment rate in the nation. (July, 2009) 11.9%. National rate 9.4%.
www.bls.gov/news.release/laus.nr0.htm

California's 2009 "Tax Freedom Day" (the day the average taxpayer stops working for government and start working for oneself) is again the 4th worst date in the nation - up from 28th worst in 1994.
www.taxfoundation.org/research/show/387.html

Consider California's net domestic migration (migration between states). From April, 2000 through June, 2008 (8 years, 2 months) California has lost a NET 1.4 million people. The departures slowed this past year only because people couldn't sell their homes.
www.mdp.state.md.us/msdc/Pop_estimate/Estimate_08/table5.pdf

ENOUGH!
Sincerely,

Richard Rider

San Diego, CA, 92131

To:

From: Frank De Smidt

Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

To All Commissioners c/o Gerald Parsky, Chair:

Don't kill more jobs! Don't destroy our small businesses!

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This proposal could be a grave mistake!

Sincerely,

Frank De Smidt

Milpitas, CA, 95036

To:
From: Gerald Clark
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

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Niland, CA, 92257

To:
From: Kenneth E. Forbes
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From: Steve Davis
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In closing I remind you that you were elected to your office by people just like me. In a representative republic you work for us not special interest groups and or yourself. Please NO TAX increases.

Sincerely,

Steve Davis

Pine Valley, CA, 91962

To:
From: Thuel Dodson
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

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