

To:
From: Mark Rhyne
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

To the Tax Commission c/o Gerald Parsky, Chair:

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Sincerely,

Mark Rhyne

Hollywood, CA, 90028

To:
From: bruce beyor
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How to destroy the finest state in our country. read on!

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personally, my family has owned a business here since 1979. We are now actively seeking another state to move our company to. It is no longer enjoyable, in terms of taxation and representation, to stay in California.

Sincerely,

bruce beyor

Rancho Santa Fe, CA, 92067

To:

From: Joanne Hughes

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Joanne Hughes

Sacramento, CA, 95829

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holly taylor

Sacramento, CA, 95823

To:
From: Shawn Murray
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I work for a small business.

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Extra taxes hit my boss twice as hard, causing cuts in employess and pay to compensate...thus making it even harder for us as taxpayers to afford the basics of "life". Please understand that incesed taxes mean it is even harder to stretch a smaller paycheck.

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Shawn Murray

Orange, CA, 92865

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From: Grady Miller

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Grady Miller

Fair Oaks, CA, 95628

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PLEASE, NO MORE TAXES.

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Lake Elsinore, CA, 92530

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Linda La Pointe

Escondido, CA, 92026

To:
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I firmly believe that history has borne out that adding taxes, strangles business and drives it outside our state. Even now other states are running ads to encourage relocation of business and I have several associates who are considering leaving this state! Please consider tax reductions rather than additions.

Sincerely,

Timothy Tyler

Palm Desert, CA, 92211

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From: Aaron Oliver
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Any sort of tax on services would cause further devastation to our economy. People are leaving California by the thousands because businesses can no longer compete in California. We need to stop the tax increases now! Any further taxing causes citizens to pinch pennies even more, which has a negative effect on the economy.

Sincerely, Aaron Oliver

Aaron Oliver

Visalia, CA, 93291

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From: Brian White
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Fresno, CA, 93702

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My engineering business is off 80%. I am using my retirement savings to supplement receipts so I can cover payroll. Adding a tax will increase client costs in an already disastrous engineering market place. Please do not enact the BNRT.

F. J. Kennedy, P.E.
Sincerely,

Francis Kennedy

Walnut Creek, CA, 94598

To:
From: Kirk Van Cleave
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To the Tax Commission c/o Gerald Parsky, Chair:

As a professional service provider, it is difficult enough to obtain public project commissions given the penchant that cities are using fee based selection of designers rather than qualifications based selection. Additional taxes upon professional services will only exacerbate the problem.

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The issue of taxing professional services has been suggested, reviewed, and voted down for good reason on numerous previous occasions. Let not California's rush to find income impair the sound judgment that has been previously exercised.

Sincerely,

Kirk Van Cleave

San Clemente, CA, 92673

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From: Erick Ratliff
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I work for an local Santa Rosa engineering firm. We have been hit the hardest in this downturn. This tax would devastate our company.

Sincerely,

Erick Ratliff

Santa Rosa, CA, 95401

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From: Matthew Slakoff
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San Diego, CA, 92101

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San Diego, CA, 92126

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As an individual that has had to reduce hours and wages by more than 20%, I've had to make my own personal reductions. It's time the state took a stance that we are all in this together.

Sincerely,

Philip Decker

Fresno, CA, 93720

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Cornelius Gantney

La Canada, CA, 91011

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Temecula, CA, 92592

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Acton, CA, 93510

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Sincerely,

Lester Ikegami

San Jose, CA, 95117

To:
From: Craig Prentice
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

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Craig Prentice

Camarillo, CA, 93010

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To:
From: Richard Burke
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This proposed tax is a terrible idea and is counterproductive. This tax will drive up administrative costs in addition to the taxes themselves, inducing clients to use out-of-state services. Why would the state act to drive out local jobs, which will eventually reduce receipts?

I SUPPORT USER-BASED taxes, since a user should pay for the state's services related to that use. For example:

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- + A carbon-based tax will reduce greenhouse gases and will be paid for by those doing the polluting
- + Legalizing and taxing prostitution and drug use will reduce the state's bloated prisons and syndicated crime

But an increase in professional services taxes makes no sense, since the state does not have to support local, high-paying private businesses and should promote, not discourage them. All this tax would do is benefit the state's employees' union, which will drive up the cost of state services.

VOTE NO on the business tax.
Sincerely, Richard Burke, voter

Richard Burke

Redondo Beach, CA, 90277

To:
From: Benjamin Crawford
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Benjamin Crawford

Modesto, CA, 95355

To:
From: Judy Colvin
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

To the Tax Commission c/o Gerald Parsky, Chair:

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I hope in the 2010 elections, that all you tax raising demorats will be voted out, so that we can get our state back

Sincerely,

Judy Colvin

Elverta, CA, 95626

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

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Millbrae, CA, 94030

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Chino Hills, CA, 91709

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California Voter,

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Visalia, CA, 93277

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San Marcos, CA, 92069

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In many ways California's current situation is similar to the age old fable of the goose that laid golden eggs. Increasing taxes is akin to cutting open the golden goose to get all of its eggs. Raising taxes may yield short term results, but this action may reduce the long-term production capacity of business to generate taxes.

Sincerely,

Hugh Linn

Napa, CA, 94559

To:

From: Dan Devlin

Subj: A Business Net Receipts Tax will drive away more companies and jobs

To the Tax Commission c/o Gerald Parsky, Chair:

A Business Net Receipts Tax will hurt engineering service jobs and drive engineering work and jobs out of the state. Higher taxes will delay any recovery and leave our state with high unemployment for years. There are real solutions available that don't hurt small businesses. A Business Net Receipts Tax will just drag our state further down.

Sincerely,

Dan Devlin

Redwood Estates, CA, 95044

To:
From: Michael Niesen
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

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Michael Niesen

Anaheim, CA, 92807

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

To the Tax Commission c/o Gerald Parsky, Chair:

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Thomas Monti

Morgan Hill, CA, 95037

To:
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Please stand up against any new or increased taxes! Our backs are against the wall!
Sincerely,

Ron Friend

El Dorado Hills, CA, 95762

To:
From: Sean Breslin
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

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Anaheim, CA, 92805

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

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Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. has operated in the State of California since 1927 providing civil engineering services to the State, cities, counties, and regional transportation authorities. Over 90 percent of our service fees come from governmental agencies. Due to the budget crisis throughout the State of California, many of our awarded contracts with Agencies have been canceled, fees decreased and, in some cases, we had to subsidize our own work to complete projects. Imposing a tax on services, such as Net Receipts Tax (BNRT), would cause even more budget strain on us and especially on our government clients as they have to cut costs to cover this unbudgeted BNRT tax. Collecting taxes from one government agency to pay another government agency will not stimulate California's economy and does not resolve statewide financial position.

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We urge you, our representative leader, to protect Californians from more unemployment, business owners from more business lost, and other government agencies from budget deficiencies by Voting NO on Net Receipts Tax (BNRT).

Sincerely,

Richard Tanaka

San Jose, CA, 95112

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Sincerely,

Robert Riha

Poway, CA, 92064

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From: Dana LeSher
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Stephanie Staker

Brentwood, CA, 94513

To:
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