

To:

From: Yen Dau

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

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

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,

Yen Dau

San Jose, CA, 95111

To:

From: Mr. & Mrs. Herman and Elly de Ru

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

Large numbers of Californians are unemployed but how many beaurocrats and government workers does that include? There is still too much unnessecary spending. We need LESS government!

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We like to think of you as being frugal and responsible.

Sincerely, Herman & Elly de Ru

Mr. & Mrs. Herman and Elly de Ru

Fallbrook, CA, 92028

To:
From: lenard barton
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what the hell are you thinking

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Sincerely,

lenard barton

Redondo Beach, CA, 90278

To:
From: Roy Hannah
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Please cut taxes, and regulations, that are hurting California families, and our free market system! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Roy Hannah

Angwin, CA, 94508

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

As a principal of RRM Design Group, a multi-disciplined design and engineering firm with four offices in California, I would like to join the members of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) in opposition to the enactment of a Business Net Receipts Tax (BNRT).

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Thank you for taking the time to consider our views on this important issue.
Sincerely,

Jeff Ferber

Arroyo Grande, CA, 93420

To:
From: Helen Flint
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Helen Flint

Yucca Valley, CA, 92284

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

As a small business owner, I am concerned about the proposed Business Net Receipt Tax.

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Thank you
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Cathy Avila

Concord, CA, 94521

To:

From: Mr. & Mrs. MICHAEL MCCREADIE

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Mr. & Mrs. MICHAEL MCCREADIE

Apple Valley, CA, 92308

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

Audra, I am concerned about the potential tax increases and what they will do employment, tourism, retired seniors on fixed income, future investments in California business and real estate.

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thank you for sharing my concerns, Leonard
Sincerely, Leonard Somdahl

Leonard Somdahl

Newbury Park, CA, 91320

To:
From: Danny Shatwell
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Sincerely,

Danny Shatwell

Lakewood, CA, 90713

To:
From: Robert DeWitt
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

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

Dear Legislators and Commissioners,

I am the owner of a 6-person surveying and engineering firm in Santa Cruz, and we are struggling along with our colleagues to stay afloat in the current economic climate. We do not need an additional tax burden during these difficult times!

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I urge you to consider the negative effect that additional taxes will have on businesses like mine.

Sincerely,

Robert DeWitt

Santa Cruz, CA, 95065

To:

From: Gregory Kent

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Gregory Kent

Oceanside, CA, 92054

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

Business, especially small businesses are the back bone of this state and country. We have all had to tighten our belts including the State and Federal workers, but the business in California do not deserve the constant threat of higher taxes. We will just take our businesses elsewhere.

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Please help keep California strong by keeping business in California.

Sincerely,

c Novotny

San Clemente, CA, 92672

To:
From: Thomas Jones
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It is absolutely unbelievable to me that our elected officials even consider tax policy without knowing exactly who and how it will effect businesses and in turn the consumer.

Sincerely,

Thomas Jones

Sherman Oaks, CA, 91403

To:
From: EMIL SANDS
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EMIL SANDS

Bakersfield, CA, 93312

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

The answer is not higher taxes, but lower taxes so people keep have their hard-earned money to do with what they will...survive, for example.

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Sincerely, Earl Gauger

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Rancho Mirage, CA, 92270

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From: Donna McIntosh
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I know of many individuals and business owners who are seriously talking about leaving California due to taxes and the "cost of living". This is what happened before with CA, please the lessons of Economics have taught us well . . . lower the taxes and the economy improves!
Sincerely,

Donna McIntosh

Palm Desert, CA, 92260

To:
From: James Frassetto
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James Frassetto

Huntington Beach, CA, 92647

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Jackie Ambler

Sonora, CA, 95370

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Today's issue of The Desert Sun has a big article regarding Nevada's attempt to peel off our businesses. If this continues to happen...California WILL collapse.

Sincerely,

Dean Smith

Palm Desert, CA, 92260

To:
From: Stacy Pisano
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Stacy Pisano

Orangevale, CA, 95662

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From: Frederick Mueller
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Engineering and surveying firms are really struggling right now. Imposing a tax on services, such as the Business Net Receipts Tax, would cause even more layoffs and more lost business. Please refrain from any additional tax increases.

Sincerely,

Frederick Mueller

Camarillo, CA, 93012

To:
From: kristofer johnson
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kristofer johnson

San Ramon, CA, 94582

To:
From: william delaney
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

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Torrance, CA, 90503

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Laguna Beach, CA, 92651

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Gerald McKelvey

Manteca, CA, 95336

To:
From: Douglas Rosheim
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

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

You need to lower taxes in order to stimulate the economy. More money in the private sector equals an increase in employment which in turns means more tax payers which leads to a increase in state tax revenues. Do this and you'll be re-elected.

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Diamond Bar, CA, 91765

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Sharon Bell

Pomona, CA, 91767

To:
From: bruce beyor
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We, the people, are really tired of being screwed!
Sincerely,

bruce beyor

Rancho Santa Fe, CA, 92067

To:
From: Steve Bailey
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Punta Gorda, FL, 33951

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Anaheim, CA, 92801

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From: Patrick Brogan
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Oceanside, CA, 92056

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North Hollywood, CA, 91606

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From: John DeBoice
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Sincerely,

John DeBoice

Arcata, CA, 95521

To:
From: Steve Wilson
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Imperial Beach, CA, 91932

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Woodside, CA, 94062

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Folsom, CA, 95630

To:

From: Mr. & Mrs. Lary McPhaill

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

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Lary McPhaill and Family

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El Dorado Hills, CA, 95762

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