

To:
From: Philip Buchiarelli
Subj: Any Tax Changes Must Help - NOT HURT - the Economy

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

Good Morning, My name is Philip Buchiarelli and I am a geologist working in California. I am concerned about recent reports I have heard about taxing the services of professional business. Is this really what we need right now? Do we really know the implications of this. Do we really want to straddle California businesses with more costs and make living in California more expensive for all?

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Please carefully consider the burden this additional tax will be placing on all California. I ask for no additional taxes, especially not now!

Sincerely,

Philip Buchiarelli

Rancho Cucamonga, CA, 91739

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From: Kai Ramer
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Santee, CA, 92071

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Natalie Thompson

Sylmar, CA, 91342

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From: Mr. & Mrs. Donald Zubik

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Theodore, AL, 36582

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San Jose, CA, 95136

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Crescent City, CA, 95531

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Garden Valley, CA, 95633

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Prior to any changes in tax policy, California must get it's spending under control and live within "our" means. If that requires personnel, service and program reductions, those should happen first.

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Scott DeForge

Cherry Valley, CA, 92223

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From: Char Harrigan

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Char Harrigan

Victorville, CA, 92395

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From: David Bird

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Should we fail to promote companies doing business California is surely going to break off and fall into the sea, remember it's important we don't increase the tax base. We need to encourage more employers otherwise the ranks of the unemployed will swell beyond anything like we have seen. No more taxes.

Sincerely, David E. Bird. Downey CA

David Bird

Downey, CA, 90241

To:

From: Renae Willmuth

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yucaipa, Ca, 92399

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Sacramento, CA, 95826

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From: Kristin Quiroz Bayona

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I work for a company whose work consists mostly of contracts with state, and local agencies. We have already seen layoffs and I fear that we would see many more with the passing of this bill. Please do not help contribute to the unemployment rate.

Sincerely,

Kristin Quiroz Bayona

San Jose, CA, 95112

To:

From: Tom Connell

Subj: No on BNRT Tax!

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

As a California resident, taxpayer and worker, I am very concerned that excessive taxation will continue to drag down our state and our standard of living.

I work for Mark Thomas & Company, an engineering consulting firm. 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 cancelled, fees decreased and, in some cases, we had to subsidize our own work to complete projects. Our firm and many other engineering and surveying firms, including our governmental clients, are struggling to sustain in a tight budget environment. 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.

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).

Thank you.

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Tom Connell

San Pablo, CA, 94806

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Christine Hii

San Jose, CA, 95135

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Subj: Please Help The Economy!

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I am a concerned geologist working for a Geotechnical Engineering firm in the Bay Area. Engineering and surveying firms are really struggling right now. I have seen my comonay lay off over 1/3 of our employees over the past year. I am extremely concerned that imposing a tax on services, such as the Business Net Receipts Tax, could cause even more layoffs and more lost business.

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Zac Crawford

Livermore, CA, 94551

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Mission Viejo, CA, 92692

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I work for a Geo-tech firm and have seen several lay-offs of great people. The proposed tax would cause a whole lot more. Clients will look outside of the state to bypass such a tax. The income generated will not be enough to outweigh the harsh impact on our already struggling economy.

Sincerely,

John Duffy

Danville, CA, 94526

To:

From: Juan Vidal

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

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San Jose, CA, 95112

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Sincerely, Andrew S. Wallace, CFO/COO Wallace-Kuhl

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Clarksburg, CA, 95612

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From: Paul Cottingham

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Foresthill, CA, 95631

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From: Donna Gooley

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Carlsbad, CA, 92010

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Milpitas, CA, 95035

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Nevada City, CA, 95959

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Please make California a Great leading State once again. California once was a leader in the Nation of what to do Now we are the State of failures.

Going Green is great but lets have the income and business in place to do so

Sincerely, Kathy Odegard

Kathy Odegard

Poway, CA, 92064

To:

From: John Thomson

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

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

I am a consulting engineer working almost exclusively on public sector projects designed to expedite stimulus projects. Adding a Net Services tax would place an unfair burden on us and our local agency clients that are struggling to continue to provide even the most minimal services.

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Vote down the Business Net Receipts Tax!

Sincerely,

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Alameda, CA, 94501

To:

From: Theresa Sitchler

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As an employee of Mark Thomas & Company, Inc., a civil engineering firm in business since 1927, I am aware that the majority of our business is with governmental agencies. Taxing our services would only take additional funds from one governmental agency and give it to another, which certainly would not stimulate the economic recovery of California.

Sincerely,

Theresa Sitchler

Santa Clara, CA, 95052

To:

From: Jackie Ambler

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Jackie Ambler

Sonoma, CA, 95370

To:

From: Joan Barrett

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Tighten your spending habits, travel, etc., purge the illegals, stop the pork, invite new businesses into the state by making it business friendly.

Sincerely,

Joan Barrett

North Hollywood, CA, 91606

To:
From: George Angermeir
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Robert Folster

Cathedral City, CA, 92234

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

I am an employee, and part owner, of a small Engineering company that has been struggling to stay in business like many others in the State. Over taxing small businesses will only make the State's situation worse by driving up unemployment over-all State revenue down.

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I live and work within my own salary range, California needs to start doing the same.

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Debi Mankame

Fountain Valley, CA, 92708

To:

From: Ralph Campbell

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Walnut Creek, CA, 94598

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Roseville, CA, 95661

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Livermore, CA, 94550

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From: jose hernandez

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jose hernandez

Azusa, CA, 91702

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

Please lower taxes on the rich so they can afford to give me a job

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We need big industry jobs
Sincerely, Rob Brown

Rob Brown

Redding, CA, 96001

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From: Justin Kempton
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Fresno, CA, 93720

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