

COLORADO CHILDREN'S CAMPAIGN



URGENT ACTION ALERT - Voice your Support of the Revenue Bills

Children's Advocates:

On Wednesday afternoon, during a 13-hour meeting, the House Finance Committee heard a series of tax exemption elimination/suspension bills that are part of the Governor's budget balancing package. The Children's Campaign strongly supports the passage of these bills as one step in a balanced approach to resolve the shortfall in our state budget and one step closer to protecting the programs and services that are so critical to children. We are asking for your help.

What You Can Do Right Now: Call your State Senator and Representative and urge them to support the tax exemption eliminations and suspensions in House Bills 1189-1200. Let them know that you support a balanced approach to shoring up the budget that includes revenue generating measures in addition to cuts in public programs.

Suggested Script: Hi, My name is XX and I am one of your constituents in XX County. I am calling to urge you to vote YES in support of House Bills 1189 to 1200. I believe in a fair and balanced approach to balancing the budget that includes revenue generating options along with budget cuts. Now, more than ever, I feel children need to be a top priority. Increasing revenue through these bills will help protect K-12 education and other programs for kids.

Visit Project Vote Smart at <http://www.votesmart.org/> to access contact information for your state legislators. Enter your zip code under "Find Your Representative" in the left navigation bar.

When: Please call by 5 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, January 29

Why Support HBs 1189-1200: Lawmakers have already cut hundreds of millions of dollars from the state budget over the last 18 months. These cuts have and will continue to hit K-12 education and other children's programs hard, resulting in school closings, increased class sizes, teacher layoffs, and reductions in school supplies and programs. By creating new revenue streams in addition to making cuts, we believe these bills bring a common-sense, fair and balanced approach to balancing the budget. While these measures are difficult, everyone should share the burden of fiscal responsibility. Protecting programs for kids will allow Colorado to recover faster and compete stronger in the global economy.

Thank you for your support!

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