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Dear AFT Michigan Member,

This edition of the *Forum* doesn't look much like previous editions. That's because we are in a crisis campaign mode. The only issue we all need to be focused on right now is getting the legislature to fix the state budget.

Michigan has a structural budget deficit. There is not enough money to meet the needs of our citizens. The state has spent more than a decade cutting taxes, especially business taxes in an effort to improve the economy. Has it worked?

While cutting the revenue coming in, the state has also been cutting expenses. And there is nothing left to cut that does not hurt. Pre-school, K-12, Intermediate School Districts, community colleges, universities and city services have been cut to balance the 2006-07 budget. The 2007-08 budget still needs to be created. Will it be more cuts, or will we invest in education?

The Governor has proposed a budget that invests in education as a means of moving this state forward. We must transform the state's economy from one based on manufacturing, to one rooted in education.

To learn more about the structural budget deficit or the Governor's budget proposal please refer to the AFT Michigan website - www.aftmichigan.org - for more information.

Please take a minute right now to send the letters on page 3 of this *Forum* to your State Senator and Representative. Let them know we expect them to create a state budget that is fair for every sector, stable, and adequate to meet the needs of the citizens of this state.

In Solidarity,

David Hecker
President, AFT Michigan

Demand a Fair Budget Now!

Thank you if you have already sent a letter or email about the budget, but we need to keep the pressure on, sending another letter won't hurt. If every AFT Michigan member sent their State Senator and Representative a letter we would flood their offices with mail! Our elected representatives need to know we are demanding they live up to their campaign promises of making education a priority.

Please add the name of your Senator and Representative at the top of the letter,

put your name and address at the bottom of the letter, and mail them as soon as possible.

We have included a list of Senators and Representatives for your use. If you don't know your district you will find it on your voter registration card or go to the AFT Michigan web site – www.aftmichigan.org. From there go to the Legislative Action Center under the Take Action button. On the left side of the page you will see where to click to find your legislator.

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| Acciavatti, Daniel-New Baltimore | R-32 | 796 HOB | 8931 | Lahti, Michael-Hancock | D-110 | 1489 HOB | 0850 |
| Agema, David-Grandville | R-74 | 1093 HOB | 8900 | LaJoy, Philip-Canton | R- 21 | 785 HOB | 2575 |
| Amos, Francis-Waterford | R-43 | 892 HOB | 0615 | Law, David-West Bloomfield | R- 39 | 888 HOB | 1799 |
| Angerer, Kathy-Dundee | D-55 | 989 HOB | 1792 | Law, Kathleen-Gibraltar | D- 23 | 787 HOB | 0855 |
| Ball, Richard-Laingsburg | R- 85 | 1189 HOB | 0841 | LeBlanc, Richard-Westland | D- 18 | 697 HOB | 2576 |
| Bauer, Joan-Lansing | D- 68 | 1087 HOB | 0826 | Leland, Gabe-Detroit | D- 10 | 689 HOB | 6990 |
| Bennett, Doug-Muskegon | D- 92 | 1196 HOB | 2646 | Lemmons II, LaMar-Detroit | D- 2 | 586 HOB | 0106 |
| Bieda, Steve-Warren | D- 25 | 789 HOB | 1772 | Lindberg, Steven-Marquette | D-109 | 1488 HOB | 0498 |
| Booher, Darwin-Evart | R-102 | 1386 HOB | 1747 | Marleau, Jim-Lake Orion | R- 46 | 895 HOB | 1798 |
| Brandenburg, Jack-Harrison Township | R- 24 | 788 HOB | 0113 | Mayes, Jeff-Bay City | D- 96 | 1285 HOB | 0158 |
| Brown, Terry-Pigeon | D- 84 | 1188 HOB | 0476 | McDowell, Gary-Rudyard | D-107 | 1486 HOB | 2629 |
| Byrnes, Pam-Chelsea | D- 52 | 986 HOB | 0828 | Meadows, Mark-East Lansing | D- 69 | 1088 HOB | 1786 |
| Byrum, Barb-Onondaga | D- 67 | 1086 HOB | 0587 | Meekof, Arlan-Olive Township | R- 89 | 1193 HOB | 0838 |
| Calley, Brian-Portland | R- 87 | 1191 HOB | 0842 | Meisner, Andy-Ferndale | D- 27 | 791 HOB | 0478 |
| Casperson, Tom-Escanaba | R-108 | 1487 HOB | 0156 | Melton, Tim-Auburn Hills | D- 29 | 793 HOB | 0475 |
| Caswell, Bruce-Hillsdale | R- 58 | 992 HOB | 1794 | Meltzer, Kimberly-Clinton Township | R- 33 | 797 HOB | 0820 |
| Caul, Bill-Mount Pleasant | R- 99 | 1288 HOB | 1789 | Miller, Fred-Mount Clemens | D- 31 | 795 HOB | 0159 |
| Cheeks, Marsha-Detroit | D- 6 | 685 HOB | 0844 | Moolenaar, John-Midland | R- 98 | 1287 HOB | 1791 |
| Clack, Brenda-Flint | D- 34 | 798 HOB | 8808 | Moore, Tim-Farwell | R- 97 | 1286 HOB | 8962 |
| Clemente, Ed-Lincoln Park | D- 14 | 693 HOB | 0140 | Moss, Chuck-Birmingham | R- 40 | 889 HOB | 8670 |
| Condino, Paul-Southfield | D- 35 | 799 HOB | 1788 | Nitz, Neal-Baroda | R- 78 | 1097 HOB | 1796 |
| Constan, Bob-Dearborn Heights | D- 16 | 695 HOB | 0849 | Nofs, Mike-Battle Creek | R- 62 | 996 HOB | 0555 |
| Corriveau, Marc-Northville | D- 20 | 699 HOB | 3816 | Opsommer, Paul-Dewitt | R- 93 | 1197 HOB | 1778 |
| Coulouris, Andy-Saginaw | D- 95 | 1199 HOB | 0152 | Palmer, Brian-Romeo | R- 36 | 885 HOB | 0843 |
| Cushingberry Jr., George-Detroit | D- 8 | 351 HOB | 2276 | Palsrok, David-Manistee | R-101 | 1385 HOB | 0825 |
| Dean, Robert-Grand Rapids | D- 75 | 1094 HOB | 2668 | Pastor, John-Livonia | R- 19 | 698 HOB | 3920 |
| DeRoche, Craig-Novl | R- 38 | 167 CB | 0827 | Pavlov, Phil-St. Clair | R- 81 | 1185 HOB | 1790 |
| Dillon, Andy-Redford Township | D- 17 | 166 CB | 0857 | Pearce, Tom-Rockford | R- 73 | 1092 HOB | 0218 |
| Donigan, Marie-Royal Oak | D- 26 | 790 HOB | 3818 | Polidori, Tom-Dearborn | D- 15 | 694 HOB | 0847 |
| Ebli, Kate-Monroe | D- 56 | 990 HOB | 2617 | Proos IV, John-St. Joseph | R- 79 | 1098 HOB | 1403 |
| Elsenheimer, Kevin-Bellaire | R-105 | 1389 HOB | 0829 | Robertson, David-Grand Blanc | R- 51 | 985 HOB | 1780 |
| Emmons, Judy-Sheridan | R- 70 | 1089 HOB | 0834 | Rocca, Tory-Sterling Heights | R- 30 | 794 HOB | 7768 |
| Espinoza, John-Croswell | D- 83 | 1187 HOB | 0835 | Sak, Michael-Grand Rapids | D- 76 | 251 CB | 0822 |
| Farrah, Barbara-Southgate | D- 13 | 692 HOB | 0845 | Schuitmaker, Tonya-Lawton | R- 80 | 1099 HOB | 0839 |
| Gaffney, Edward-Grosse Pointe Farms | R-1 | 585 HOB | 0154 | Scott, Bettie Cook-Detroit | D- 3 | 587 HOB | 1776 |
| Garfield, John-Rochester | R- 45 | 894 HOB | 1773 | Shaffer, Rick-Three Rivers | R- 59 | 993 HOB | 0832 |
| Gillard, Matthew-Alpena | D-106 | 1485 HOB | 0833 | Sheen, Fulton-Plainwell | R- 88 | 1192 HOB | 0836 |
| Gonzales, Lee-Flint | D- 49 | 898 HOB | 7515 | Sheltrown, Joel-West Branch | D-103 | 1387 HOB | 3817 |
| Green, Kevin-Wyoming | R-77 | 1096 HOB | 2277 | Simpson, Mike-Jackson | D- 65 | 999 HOB | 1775 |
| Griffin, Martin-Jackson | D- 64 | 998 HOB | 1795 | Smith, Alma Wheeler-Ypsilanti | D- 54 | 988 HOB | 1771 |
| Hammel, Richard-Flushing | D- 48 | 897 HOB | 7557 | Smith, Virgil-Detroit | D- 7 | 686 HOB | 0589 |
| Hammon, Ted-Burton | D- 50 | 899 HOB | 3906 | Spade, Dudley-Tipton | D- 57 | 991 HOB | 1706 |
| Hansen, Geoff-Hart | R-100 | 1289 HOB | 7317 | Stahl, John-North Branch | R- 82 | 1186 HOB | 1800 |
| Hildenbrand, David-Lowell | R- 86 | 1190 HOB | 0846 | Stakoe, John-Highland | R- 44 | 893 HOB | 2616 |
| Hood III, Morris-Detroit | D- 11 | 690 HOB | 3815 | Steil Jr, Glenn-Grand Rapids | R- 72 | 1091 HOB | 0840 |
| Hoogendyk, Jacob-Portage | R- 61 | 995 HOB | 1774 | Tobocman, Steve-Detroit | D- 12 | 155 CB | 0823 |
| Hopgood, Hoon-Yung-Taylor | D- 22 | 786 HOB | 0852 | Vagnozzi, Aldo-Farmington Hills | D- 37 | 886 HOB | 1793 |
| Horn, Kenneth-Frankenmuth | R- 94 | 1198 HOB | 0837 | Valentine, Mary-Muskegon | D- 91 | 1195 HOB | 3436 |
| Huizenga, Bill-Zeeland | R- 90 | 1194 HOB | 0830 | Walker, Howard-Traverse City | R-104 | 1388 HOB | 1766 |
| Hune, Joe-Hamburg | R- 47 | 896 HOB | 8835 | Ward, Chris-Brighton | R- 66 | 141 CB | 1784 |
| Jackson, Shanelle-Detroit | D- 9 | 688 HOB | 1705 | Warren, Rebekah-Ann Arbor | D- 53 | 987 HOB | 2577 |
| Johnson, Bert-Detroit | D- 5 | 589 HOB | 0144 | Wenke, Lorence-Richland | R- 63 | 997 HOB | 1787 |
| Jones, Rick-Grand Ledge | R- 71 | 1090 HOB | 0853 | Wojno, Lisa-Warren | D- 28 | 792 HOB | 2275 |
| Jones, Robert-Kalamazoo | D- 60 | 994 HOB | 1785 | Young Jr., Coleman-Detroit | D- 4 | 588 HOB | 1008 |
| Knollenberg, Marty-Troy | R- 41 | 890 HOB | 1783 | | | | |

Senator _____
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P.O. Box 30036
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Sincerely,

Name _____

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| Anderson, Glenn-Westland | D- 6 | 610 FB | 1707 | Jelinek, Ron-Three Oaks | R-21 | 324 CB | 6960 |
| Barcia, Jim-Bay City | D-31 | 1010 FB | 1777 | Kahn, Roger-Saginaw | R-32 | 420 FB | 1760 |
| Basham, Raymond E.-Taylor | D- 8 | 715 FB | 7800 | Kuipers, Wayne-Holland | R-30 | 1005 FB | 6920 |
| Birkholz, Patricia L.-Saugatuck | R-24 | 805 FB | 3447 | McManus, Michelle-Lake Leelanau | R-35 | 2 CB | 1725 |
| Bishop, Mike-Rochester | R-12 | 106 CB | 2417 | Olshove, Dennis -Warren | D- 9 | 905 FB | 8360 |
| Brater, Liz-Ann Arbor | D-18 | 510 FB | 2406 | Pappageorge, John-Troy | R-13 | 1020 FB | 2523 |
| Brown, Cameron-Sturgis | R-16 | 405 FB | 5932 | Patterson, Bruce-Canton | R- 7 | 505 FB | 7350 |
| Cassis, Nancy-Novi | R-15 | 905 FB | 1758 | Prusi, Michael-Ishpeming | D-38 | 515 FB | 7840 |
| Cherry, Deborah-Burton | D-26 | 910 FB | 1636 | Richardville, Randy.-Monroe | R-17 | 205 FB | 3543 |
| Clark-Coleman, Irma-Detroit | D- 3 | 310 FB | 0990 | Sanborn, Alan-Richmond | R-11 | 310 CB | 7670 |
| Clarke, Hansen-Detroit | D- 1 | 710 FB | 7346 | Schauer, Mark-Battle Creek | D-19 | 105 CB | 2426 |
| Cropsey, Alan L.-DeWitt | R-33 | 8 CB | 3760 | Scott, Martha G.-Highland Park | D- 2 | 220 FB | 7748 |
| Garcia, Valde-Howell | R-22 | 132 CB | 2420 | Stamas, Tony-Midland | R-36 | 720 FB | 7946 |
| George, Thomas-Kalamazoo | R-20 | 320 FB | 0793 | Switalski, Michael-Roseville | D-10 | 410 FB | 7315 |
| Gilbert, II, Judson-Algonac | R-25 | 705 FB | 7708 | Thomas, III, Samuel Buzz-Detroit | D- 4 | 9 CB | 7918 |
| Gleason, John-Flushing | D-27 | 315 FB | 0142 | VanWoerkom, Gerald-Muskegon | R-34 | 605 FB | 1635 |
| Hardiman, Bill-Kentwood | R-29 | 305 FB | 1801 | Whitmer, Gretchen-East Lansing | D-23 | 415 FB | 1734 |
| Hunter, Tupac -Detroit | D- 5 | 915 FB | 0994 | | | | |
| Jacobs, Gilda Z.-Huntington Woods | D-14 | 1015 FB | 7888 | | | | |

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