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Connecticut, like most states, is facing significant fiscal challenges this year. We all know this means that difficult choices have to be made, and I want your input.

So, I'm asking you to fill out this survey and send it back to me. To reply online and save a stamp, visit my website www.housedems.ct.gov/Lesser to complete the questionnaire.

As always, please contact me at home or at the Capitol if you have questions or concerns about this year's legislative session, or any other matter.

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PLEASE RETURN THIS SURVEY. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

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Balancing the budget: The Spending Side

If you were voting on the state budget, which of these programs would you either; **(1) Cut A Lot; (2) Cut A Little; or (3) Protect With No Cuts.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aid to Businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription Drugs for Families |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aid to Families with Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Protecting the Environment & Open Space |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aid to the Disabled | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aid to the Mentally Ill or Developmentally Disabled | <input type="checkbox"/> Rental Assistance for Families |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aid to Municipalities | <input type="checkbox"/> Rental Assistance for Seniors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buses and Railroads | <input type="checkbox"/> Roads, Bridges and Highways |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Abuse Prevention & Rehab | <input type="checkbox"/> State Universities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Assistance for Seniors | <input type="checkbox"/> The State Police |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription Drugs for Seniors | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans' Services |

Balancing the budget: The Revenue Side

Which of these revenue proposals would you prefer? Please check "yes" or "no" to each proposal.

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| Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Increase the income tax on individuals who earn \$250,000 or higher a year | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Allow the sale of alcohol on Sundays |
| Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Increase the income tax on all individuals | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create a tax on junk foods |
| Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Increase the sales tax rate | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Increase the gas tax |
| Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Expand the sales tax to more items | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Increase the gas tax on gas-guzzling motor vehicles |
| Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Apply the sales tax to items bought on the Internet | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Increase licensing fees:
(Ex: barbers, nurses, carpenters, plumbers) |
| Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Increase taxes on businesses and corporations | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Put tolls on Connecticut highways at the borders |
| Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Increase the tax on alcohol and tobacco | |

How concerned are you and your family about the following issues?

Have you or a family member lost your job in the last year? Yes No

Please rate your answers using: (1) Very Concerned, (2) Somewhat Concerned, (3) Not Concerned

- _____ I am concerned about losing my job or losing my home
- _____ I am concerned about career opportunities for me or my family
- _____ I am concerned about the state's program cuts
- _____ I am concerned about the cost of health insurance
- _____ I am concerned about crime in my community
- _____ I am concerned about the cost of utilities such as heating oil and electricity

Budget Priorities

What would you cut to help balance the budget?

- 1.) _____
- 2.) _____
- 3.) _____

What area would you protect from cuts?

- 1.) _____
- 2.) _____
- 3.) _____

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3. Tape survey shut

