

## This is from CSEA Headquarters in Albany, NY

*CSEA is responding aggressively to proposals by Governor David Paterson who has called a special session of the State Legislature on Nov. 18 to make massive reductions in spending.*

### **The union is outraged by the Governor's latest round of proposed budget cuts.**

State operations, local governments, schools and health care facilities will be especially hard hit by the governor's choices which amount to an all out assault on services.

CSEA rejects reopening contracts. We reject proposals to delay pay raises. We reject proposals for pay lags.

CSEA has offered the Governor a range of better choices than his slash and burn cuts. Our proposals include:

- Tapping the state's Tax Stabilization (or "rainy day") Fund for more than \$1 billion;
- Enforcing the law and collecting state cigarette taxes from Native American Reservations for \$1 billion;
- Pursuing a prescription drug purchasing agreement through Canada which would save up to \$400 million;
- Reforming the Child Health Care Plus Program which would generate tens of millions of dollars annually; and
- Seeking a public/private partnership for the Empire State Plaza Art Collection to generate revenue from 92 works of art valued at more than \$1 billion.

The Governor should also support a Millionaires' Tax to make the super wealthy pay their fair share.

If the governor wants a fight, he will get one from New York's leading union!

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