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## **State Budget Demonstrates California Not In Need of More Taxes**

(SACRAMENTO) – Californians Against Higher Taxes co-chair and president of California Taxpayers Association Teresa Casazza issued the following statement in response to the state budget bill being taken up today by the Legislature:

“This budget reflects a state on solid economic footing. This budget will fully fund all critical programs and secure the state’s rainy day fund. Yet, even with our almost \$6 billion in reserves, some lawmakers and special-interest groups are asking for more. According to a [new study](#) by the California Taxpayers Association, these groups have proposed at least 39 new taxes and fees, resulting in a cumulative sum of \$132 billion annually. After the report was released, two state senators proposed an additional \$9 billion-a-year tax increase on California property owners, bringing the total to \$141 billion per year in proposed tax and fee increases.

“Our state’s taxes already are among the highest in the nation. California families and businesses cannot withstand numerous tax increases, especially when our revenues are so healthy already. Now is not the time to burden residents and businesses with new and higher taxes.”