



We Won't Pay For Their Crisis!

Working people across the US and the world have been paying for the crisis of this system for years. Government bailouts have given the banks and the big corporations trillions of our tax dollars. Their profits and salaries have skyrocketed so that now the average US CEO makes 325 times the wage of an average worker! And the US Congress has just cut social programs while protecting the wealth and profits of the rich.

What Has This Meant For Us?

- **A jobless recovery?** Nearly 20% of working people are unemployed, with a much higher rate for young people. Meanwhile, banks and corporations are making the highest profits ever recorded in the US.
- **Wages:** Workers are doing more work and getting paid the lowest wages since 1929, when these statistics began to be recorded.
- **Foreclosures:** In 2010, 2.87 million homes were foreclosed.
- **Health care:** In 2010, 59 million Americans went without health insurance.
- **Public services are being devastated.** Support for public transit, programs for children, the elderly and disabled are being destroyed.
- **Education:** Public Schools are being closed, programs eliminated, and students crammed into overcrowded classrooms. Fees are being raised across the college and university system while classes and programs are eliminated, denying a future to hundreds of thousands.

A New Round Of Cuts!

On December 13, Governor Brown approved \$1 billion in further cuts. These include \$327 million in cuts to K-12 schools; \$100 million in cuts to developmental services and in-home support for seniors and the disabled; \$102 million to community colleges; \$100 million in cuts to CSUs and UCs; \$15.9 million to local libraries, and \$8.6 million in cuts to Medi-Cal. These cuts are devastating as they come on top of years of past cuts. We have already been cut to the bone – further cuts only mean further disaster for the elderly and disabled, poor families, for health care, and for public education.

The Money Is There But Who Will Use It?

California is the eighth largest economy in the world, home to 53 of the country's largest corporations and 88 billionaires with an estimated total wealth of \$250 billion. But if we want to use this wealth to pay for education, and other public and social services, it will take an all out fight, a fight where we have to depend on ourselves. And we will also have to stop listening to those politicians, both Democrats and Republicans, and any union officials who tell us we have no other choice but to continue to sacrifice.

Such A Fight Is Possible!

We are in a good position to make such a fight. We have the numbers – parents, teachers, staff, students, state workers, transport workers, health care workers. We all have a shared interest to change California's priorities. If we organize and fight together, we can stop these cuts.

Join Us for an Against Cuts Conference, Saturday, January 28, 2012 (10am to 3pm) in the Berkeley City College Auditorium (2050 Center St. in Berkeley). We will be planning organizing for a major spring action in Sacramento on March 5, 2012!

To get involved, email us at mail@againstcuts.org

Against Cuts CONFERENCE

Join us on January 28th to
PLAN TEACH-INS, OUTREACH
& ORGANIZE for **MARCH 5TH**
ACTION IN SACRAMENTO.



10 - 3 p.m.

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