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February 7, 2011

The Honorable Jerry Brown  
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The Honorable Connie Conway  
Assembly Republican Leader  
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Dear Governor and Legislative Leaders:

The fiscal crisis which confronts California continues, bringing with it high unemployment and difficult spending decisions. Governor, you have recommended swift action to produce a budget, and the legislature has already begun its budget committee work in earnest.

However, after a budget is passed, and even if voters approve measures that add additional revenue, California's fiscal and jobs crisis is likely to continue for some time.

This crisis demands that we continue to focus our attention on the major problems facing our state. This is not the year to pass a budget, and then return to the "bill factory."

Therefore, I propose that we cease all legislative business as usual in order to devote the time of the entire legislature to determine the actions necessary to restore lost jobs and to gain new ones, and in order to do in depth, objective analysis of all state programs.

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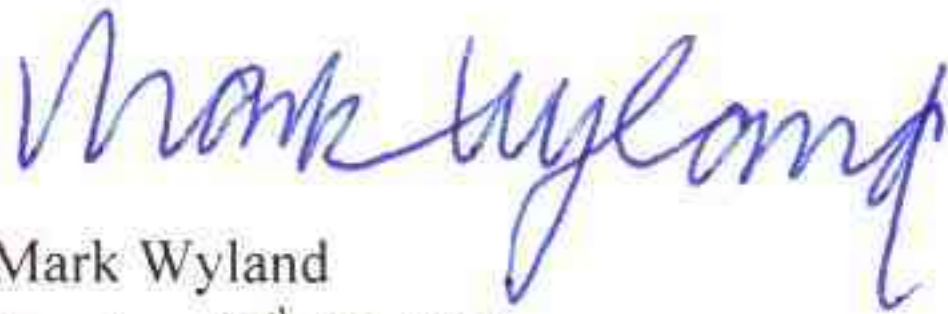
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Californians are deeply and immediately affected by economic uncertainty or job loss, and by spending reductions in state programs. We hear the testimony of those impacted by program reductions or eliminations in hearings. We also need to hear the testimony of businesses that face obstacles to creating jobs in California, and from those who have made the decision to create those jobs in other states. We need to take action on these problems now, with the sense of great urgency they require.

This crisis is altering "business as usual." So should we. Californians deserve no less.

Sincerely,



Mark Wyland  
Senator, 38<sup>th</sup> District

cc: California State Legislature