



Friends Committee on Legislation of California

July 1, 2025

I hope this email finds you well. Thank you for your support of FCLCA over the last six months - it has allowed us to advocate on a wide range of important issues at this critical time for our state and our country. Because of you, we could support bills that protect immigrants at hospitals and schools and that require large fossil fuel polluters to pay for climate change damage they've caused. We've organized with the Clemency California campaign asking Gov. Newsom to commute all death row sentences; lobbied for investments in affordable housing and homelessness services and helped protect state budget spending for safety net services.

Federal Budget

This has been one of the most challenging years we have faced since the COVID epidemic, and we are still yet to feel the full impact of new federal policies on our state. I wanted to get this to you today – as you probably know, the Senate has passed the “Big, Beautiful Bill” – a bill that would bring incredible suffering and deprivation to millions in our state and across the nation. The current version passed by the Senate slashes Medicaid and Affordable Care Act subsidies and contains deep cuts to food assistance, while increasing immigration enforcement to \$175 billion.

The vote in the House of Representatives could take place as early as tomorrow, June 2.

Please call your federal representative today asking them to vote NO:

<https://app.oneclickpolitics.com/campaign- page?cid=23686&lang=en>

You can also email your representatives via action alerts at FCNL

<https://fcnl.quorum.us/>

And on our Action Page at fclca.org: <https://fclca.org/action- center>

California's State Budget

California has finalized a state budget for FY 2025-26, after the Legislature yesterday passed the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform bill insisted on by Gov. Newsom (and opposed by many environmental organizations).

<https://calmatters.org/environment/2025/06/california-budget- sweeping-environmental-law-rollbacks-manufacturing/>

<https://www.courthousenews.com/california-legislature-passes-key- bill-ensures-state-budget-stays-intact/>.

In the face of a \$12 billion deficit, the final version of the budget avoided some of the deep cuts in social services that had been proposed, but significantly reduced California's efforts to provide health care to all undocumented residents, and increased asset limits for those who apply for Medi-Cal, particularly affecting elderly Californians who need nursing home care.

In August and September, the Legislature will meet again to clean up and perhaps revise aspects of the budget. Federal legislation, such as the "Big, Beautiful Bill" will, of course, wreak havoc with California's budget (federal funds currently supply over 1/3 of our state's funding, particularly for Medicaid/Medi-Cal and food stamps). It is likely that a Special Session will be called this autumn to deal with the fallout.

Thanks to you, FCLCA is working in coalition with other organizations that are calling for new sources of state revenue to bolster our social services and health care infrastructure, including efforts to ensure that corporations pay their fair share. See here:

<https://calbudgetcenter.org/resources/three-ways-state-policymakers- can-raise-revenues-to-advance-californias-priorities/>

In these challenging times, we sincerely appreciate your partnership, activism and concern. From our vantage point here in Sacramento, it has been so inspiring to see people from all walks of life and communities step forward to protect each other and to move forward despite all the forces that would push us backward. Thanks again!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevan Andrew Insko". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kevan Insko, Friends Committee on Legislation of California