



Take Action for Justice! 4/2/19

The budget is a moral document that should especially serve the poor and vulnerable in our communities. Even with the increased revenue coming into the State Treasury, many human service programs will need funding because of cuts made during the Great Recession. **In these final weeks of the legislative session, we will be prioritizing budget items to make sure important programs are funded.**

Contact your legislators to ask them to prioritize the following items this week:

- **Budget: Capital Gains and Progressive REET** These two important budget items will help us balance our upside-down tax code. Both were included in House and Senate budget proposals, so if your legislators are on fiscal committees (Senate Ways & Means or House Appropriations), thank them for including these in the proposed budgets. Send a message to your Legislators to include these proposals in the final budget, with some of that revenue going toward the Working Families Tax Credit which will help the lowest income-earners save more of their paychecks via a tax refund (the lowest income-earners pay almost 18% of their earnings in taxes, while the highest pay 3%). **<http://bit.ly/BudgetPetition1>**
- **Affordable Housing Sales Tax Bond Bill (HB 1406)** This bill allows counties to reserve a small portion of sales tax collected to use for affordable housing. This would not raise sales taxes but allow counties the option to use part of it for housing purposes. This bill will have a hearing on April 3 and will be voted on soon. Send a message to your Senator to prioritize this important bill, particularly if they are on the Senate Ways & Means Committee. **<http://bit.ly/SalesTaxBonding>**

To see what committees your legislators are on, go to <http://leg.wa.gov/legislature/Pages/CommitteeListing.aspx>. To contact your legislators, use the email formula firstname.lastname@leg.wa.gov, or use the Legislative Hotline: **1-800-562-6000** between 8 AM and 7 PM, Monday through Friday. To find out who your legislators are, go to <https://app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder>.