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Subject: VSEA and State budget.

I just want to be sure that Legislators and the public are reminded that State employees have already had a 3% wage reduction and raise freeze several years ago for three years and that our health care costs have gone up in addition.

They must find new revenue and not cut services for the elderly, children, poor and Mentally ill. Sure seems like legislators don't get it when they keep wanting to cut jobs for these services. After the deaths of two young children, which the State broadcasted 50 or more new positions in DCF to protect kids, how can they consider cutting jobs or wages again. Any lawsuits filed against the State for additional losses, like these two children, will add costs that could have been avoided not to mention the loss of life.

We should be spending money to fix roads which would create more jobs and bring in more taxes. Let's get people to work and get some controls over the tax loopholes and other incentives the rich benefit from. Ex: tax investments equal to wages. If someone is lucky enough to be living off investments they should at least pay the same rate as the lower income who are scrapping by on less than \$30-40,000 a year.

Please express these thoughts to the legislature.

Thanks Sincerely,
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