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SENATOR
MARK LENO
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Dear Students,

Thank you for taking time to share how the budget crisis facing California affects you personally.

Given the state's structural budget deficit in recent years, we have sadly had to make severe cuts in California's funding for K-12 education, universities, health care and services for the elderly, disabled and working families. While California's fiscal outlook is slowly improving, it is clear that additional revenues are needed to rebuild our state, stimulate our economy and create new jobs.

As Chair of the Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Committee, I am committed to working with the Governor, my colleagues in the Legislature and the people of California to reform our tax system and find additional resources to resolve our fiscal crisis.

I encourage you to remain engaged in the process and continue advocating for issues that impact you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Leno". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "M" and a cursive "L".

MARK LENO
California State Senator, 3rd District