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Members of the California State Assembly
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Process for Submitting Letters for the 2025-26 State Budget

Dear Colleagues,

Soliciting feedback and recommendations from Members is essential to informing the Assembly Budget Committee's process and shaping the Assembly's budget priorities. This letter provides guidance about how you can submit letters regarding your priorities for the 2025-2026 State Budget.

A Reminder of Our Challenges: Outyear Deficits

As we have discussed, crafting the 2025-2026 State Budget will require us to deal with both a projected revenue shortfall as well as significant uncertainty. This means we likely will need to make tough choices and be prepared to adapt as circumstances may change quickly in the coming months. To that end, Members may wish to focus any letters on areas where we should avoid potential cuts, as well as ideas for additional investments should revenues improve in the next few months.

Instructions for Submitting Budget Letters for Statewide Investments

Over the next few months, the Assembly Budget Subcommittees will hold more than 60 hearings to discuss budget proposals and examine the administration of statewide programs by the Executive Branch. Members are invited to submit written feedback and recommendations regarding these statewide investments, which may include input regarding proposed cuts or delays in the Governor's January Budget proposal. The Budget Committee will accept letters regarding statewide budget investments from Assemblymembers, Caucuses, and Assembly Committees. **These letters should be on Assembly letterhead from the relevant Member, Caucus, or Committee. Please note that the Assembly Budget Committee will not process, track, or forward letters that are submitted on generic California Legislature or Senate letterhead, even if signed by an Assemblymember. We will also not accept letters sent from non-state addresses or email accounts.**

These letters should be addressed to the relevant Subcommittee Chair and emailed to Marco Rodriguez at [@asm.ca.gov](mailto:asm.ca.gov). The Assembly Budget Committee will track and forward these letters to the Speaker's Office, Budget Committee Chair, and appropriate Budget Subcommittee.

Letters regarding statewide budget priorities are due no later than March 3, 2025. Please note that letters will be accepted after this deadline but may not be distributed in time to be considered as part of the Budget Subcommittee deliberations. **Members are also encouraged to meet with the Budget Committee and relevant Budget Subcommittee Chairs to discuss these items.**

As a reminder, please ensure that all budget letters include contact information for relevant staff and are emailed directly to Marco Rodriguez at [@asm.ca.gov](mailto:marco@asm.ca.gov). Should you have any questions regarding budget letters or this process, please contact Christian Griffith at [@asm.ca.gov](mailto:christian@asm.ca.gov).

Thank you in advance and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Gabriel".

JESSE GABRIEL
Assemblymember, 46th District