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Greetings,

I am writing with a suggestion to ease the state's budget woes without turning to layoffs or an ineffective and costly government shut down.

Please consider cutting all state employees' schedules down to a four day work week, or decreasing hours of each employee by up to 20%. This practice has been successful in many instances, please see the included link:

<http://money.cnn.com/2013/07/09/news/economy/shorter-work-week/>

-And this practice also has the side benefit of increasing work-life balance, lowering stress, and increasing positive outcomes for families with children.

Why not opt for a plan that does not pit the 'haves' against the 'have nots'? I believe you'll see when you run the numbers that this will answer a lot of our present budget problems and that you will not have to dip into the PFD, which makes everyone happy.

Thanks very much for your time and continued efforts,

Nikki Love