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## **Sample Letter to Legislator from Parent**

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

As a parent of a \_\_\_ grade child in the Cupertino Union School District, I urge you to prevent further cuts to education funding. Over the past 18 months, the Cupertino Union School District has endured wave after wave of draconian budget reductions that will have a lasting negative impact on our current and future students.

Education represents 40 percent of the California budget, yet public education has born 60 percent of the cuts to help balance the State budget over the past few years. The Governor's latest offer to "protect" education reflects an additional real cut to our district of \$3.8 million, on top of the \$10 million in on-going reductions we already sustained this year.

As a low-funded, high performing district, we have taken a disproportionate amount of reductions. Given our low revenue limit, we are already forced to do more with fewer dollars. In addition, we do not receive many of the categorical dollars available to other lower performing districts.

The parents and community members in the Cupertino Union School District have passed a parcel tax and are doing everything we can to raise local revenue and donations at the school site, but we have no more to give. Everyone understands the budget challenges you are facing at the State level, but I ask that you help us by doing your part.

I urge you to work to find another solution to the State's structural budget problems instead of drastic reductions that threaten my child's education. Please keep our children's education as a top priority. They deserve no less.

Sincerely,