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# 9 Ways in 9 Days Way 5 Day



9 ways to raise revenue and prevent more budget cuts

**Potential Revenue:** If New Mexico collected taxes on Internet sales by companies that have brick-and-mortar locations in the state, it could collect \$13 million in new revenue.<sup>1</sup> Because they are currently not subject to sales taxes, Internet retail sales have put local retailers at a competitive disadvantage. They also drain significant revenue from the state.

**Potential Consequences:** The state's Corrections Department will lose almost \$13 million in funding next year if the Legislative Finance Committee's recommendations are followed.<sup>2</sup> That will limit the department's ability to keep dangerous criminals off of the streets.

Ask any New Mexico family struggling to make ends meet—the impact of the national recession has hit our state very hard. Yet, many of the proposals being floated to address the state's falling revenues will reduce opportunity, increase economic insecurity, and stall recovery.

Legislators can make a better choice: instead of relying on deeper, more damaging cuts for programs like education and health care as the only option, they can choose a balanced approach—one that doesn't lay all the sacrifice on working families and that offers a sensible, long-term solution.

We urge them to make the *Better Choice for New Mexico*.

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**Tell our Legislature:** Don't jeopardize future prosperity, stall economic recovery, throw more people out of work, and pack more students into already overcrowded classrooms—just to protect big tax breaks for the rich and powerful. There's a better choice for New Mexico's families—a balanced approach for opportunity and security.

Visit *Better Choices New Mexico* on <http://betterchoicesnewmexico.com> for more information about the group and specific revenue generators.

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1 General Fund Revenue Update and Outlook for 2010 Legislative Session, Legislative Finance Committee, January 10, 2010

2 Ibid

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