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# 9 Ways in 9 Days Way 4 Day



9 ways to raise revenue and prevent more budget cuts

**Potential Revenue:** Transferring just .25 percent of the state's severance taxes from the permanent fund to the emergency school tax would free up \$23 million<sup>1</sup> for use in K-12 education.

**Potential Consequences:** While a move like this wouldn't generate new revenue, it would funnel much-needed funds into New Mexico's public school system, which lost \$95 million in state funding during the special session last fall.<sup>2</sup>

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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<sup>1</sup> Governor Richardson's Budget Balancing Task Force, Final Report, December 21, 2009 <http://nmrevenueoptions.com/FinalReport.pdf>

<sup>2</sup>General Fund Revenue Update and Outlook for 2010 Legislative Session, Legislative Finance Committee, January 10, 2010

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