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### **LETTER TO THE EDITOR SOLVING THE DEFICIT MUST BE DONE QUICKLY**

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To The Editor,

The main talk around the Capitol is the budget deficit. As of November we were facing a \$5.2 billion deficit. When the February forecast comes out that number could top \$6.5 billion.

Legislative leaders have said the deficit is due to a lack of jobs in Minnesota. They point to figures that show Minnesota could lose over 100,000 jobs from 2007 through 2009. They want to bring jobs back to Minnesota, and so do I. But we differ on how to do that.

The Majority says we should increase taxes to get more jobs. They made the same promise of 30,000 jobs if the tax increasing transportation bill was passed. Those jobs have not appeared. That line of reasoning doesn't work.

We need to take steps to encourage businesses to locate in Minnesota and to encourage small businesses to grow and expand. We cannot do that by placing a further burden on the businesses we already have or by hurting our families with more taxes.

Throughout the coming months there will be many good ideas on how to balance the budget. I would love to hear yours. You can submit our ideas to the Legislature by visiting [www.house.mn/budgetsuggestions.asp](http://www.house.mn/budgetsuggestions.asp). Some of the best ideas come from people like you. So be certain to share them with us!

Sincerely,  
Peggy Scott  
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