



Last night, Assembly Democrats offered an 18-month package of \$19 billion package of cuts and revenue increases, which failed on a partisan vote. The effect of your advocacy was clear again, as the cuts to community colleges would have been the same \$95 million in targeted cuts put up for a vote in the Senate in November. Threats of an all-night session ended at 10:45 p.m., when the Speaker recessed the session after it was clear that staff couldn't quickly put the Republican plan in writing so that it could be voted on.

**The Assembly is scheduled to return at 12:00 p.m. today, and is expected to vote on the Republican plan. The Senate is scheduled to convene at 5:00 p.m. today, and plans to vote on another proposed compromise package.**

It is unclear how any compromise package will be enacted, as Assembly Republicans last night insisted that cuts be approved first, while they acknowledged that they will eventually consider revenues as part of the solution. Legislative Democrats insist on a vote that concurrently addresses both spending cuts and revenue increases.

Our community college advocates in Republican districts reported back to us yesterday that their members were pledging to protect community colleges from cuts (despite proposing an unspecified reduction to K-12 and community college spending of over \$10 billion).

If you haven't [contacted your legislators](#) yet, do so now and **urge them to protect California's education safety net, and keep the job training programs open for California's students and businesses.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Lay".

Scott Lay  
President and Chief Executive Officer