

BETTER CHOICES *for a* BETTER LOUISIANA

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BATON ROUGE-- Louisianans from across the state will gather on the front steps of the state capitol to make their voice heard and urge legislators to adopt a budget that includes new revenues to fund education, human services, health care, and other vital services.

Better Choices for a Better Louisiana—a broad coalition organizations representing more than a half-million people in the state—recently returned from a statewide tour where they unveiled an ambitious legislative agenda, calling for moratoriums on all new tax breaks while 441 tax exemptions are reviewed, and revenue measures that will close the \$1.6 billion budget gap.

Better Choices for a Better Louisiana advocates for a balanced, transparent approach to solving Louisiana’s fiscal crisis rather than relying solely on short-sighted cuts to services needed by working families. The coalition believes the state cannot sustain another deep budget cut before risking serious, long-term damage to the state and its people.

Better Choices for a Better Louisiana *Lobby Day & Rally*

Wednesday, May 4th

Noon

Louisiana State Capitol - Front Steps

Member organizations of Better Choices for a Better Louisiana include AARP Louisiana, Agenda for Children, American Data Corporation, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 17, Bayou Interfaith Shared Community Organizing, Caddo Federation of Teachers, Children’s Coalition of Greater Baton Rouge, Children’s Defense Fund, A Community Voice, Connecting the Dots, LLC, Education Now, East Baton Rouge Federation of Teachers, Franklin Industries, Greater Baton Rouge AFL-CIO, Interfaith Works, Louisiana AFL-CIO, Louisiana Federation of Teachers, Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations, Louisiana Budget Project, Louisiana Consumer Healthcare Coalition, Louisiana Delta Service Corps, Louisiana NAACP, Louisiana Primary Care Association, Louisiana Progress, National Association of Social Workers, LA, National Alliance on Mental Illness, LA, New Orleans Outreach, PICO Louisiana, Professional Firefighters Association of Louisiana, Puentes New Orleans, SEIU Local 21 Louisiana, Southern Research and Development Corporation, Southwest Louisiana Independence Center, Inc., St. Martin Federation of Teachers & Support Personnel, Webster Federation of Teachers.