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**STATEMENT FROM LOUISIANA BUDGET PROJECT ON \$895 MILLION BUDGET SHORTFALL FOR 2012-13**

"This is the fourth consecutive year Louisiana has faced a massive budget shortfall, and the red ink is projected to continue as far as the eye can see. Until we get a tax base that is broad-based, equitable and sustainable, Louisiana will continue to face these harmful deficits that have resulted in cuts to critical health-care and education programs that our citizens depend on."

-Louisiana Budget Project Director Jan Moller.

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