**CSMG DISTRICT VISITS**

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**A Catholic Message to Congress:**

**Don’t Balance the Budget on the Backs of the Poor**

**Catholic Leaders from [your state] Meet with [your Representative/your Senators names] to stress the needs of the of the poorest at home and overseas**

A delegation from [your state] will meet with [your Representative/your Senators’ names] on [date] to ask that the needs of the most vulnerable in society, whether at home or in the developing world, be remembered when considering budget cuts. The message of the Church is that it is unjust for the poor to bear a heavier burden of cuts than those more fortunate.

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| What: | [your state] delegation meets with [Rep./Sen.] to stress the needs of the of the poorest at home and overseas at a time of budget cuts |
| Who: |  |
| When: |  |
| Where: |   |
| Background: | The [your state] delegation is holding this district visit as a continuation of an effort by hundreds of Catholic delegates from 40 states who visited Capitol Hill February 14, 2012 as part of the annual Catholic Social Ministry Gathering to advocate concrete policies that protect the dignity of human life and pursue justice and peace worldwide. The Gathering, sponsored by more than a dozen national Catholic organizations, including the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Catholic Relief Services, drew more than 300 participants from dioceses, parishes and various Catholic groups across the U.S. This district visit will showcase local concerns and work being done by the Church to address these issues. |

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