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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 February 14, 2012 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 part of hundreds of Catholic delegates from 40 states who will visit Capitol Hill 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 conference, sponsored by more than a dozen national Catholic organizations, including the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Catholic Relief Services, will be held from February 12-15, 2012, and is expected to draw more than 300 participants from dioceses, parishes and various Catholic groups across the U.S.  |

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