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## **Summary of Changes**

### **Assembly Democrats' \$5.8 billion Package**

**vs.**

### **Final April \$4 billion Package**

**May 1, 2003**

#### **Major items in Assembly Democrats' Plan but not in Final Plan:**

- \$100 million one-time reduction to Redevelopment Agencies.
- \$500 million reduction to cities and counties.
- \$769 million savings from deferring local non-Prop. 98 mandate payments.
- \$500 million loan from the Transportation Investment Fund to the General Fund.
- \$635 million savings from elimination of education COLAs.
- \$879 million savings from deferring Prop. 98 mandate payments.
- \$180 million savings from reducing deferred maintenance funding for schools.
- \$91.5 million savings from suspension of SSI/SSP 2003-04 COLA.
- Various fee increases in resources, environmental protection, and trial courts.

#### **Major items not in Assembly Democrats' Plan but in Final Plan:**

- \$42.5 million savings from establishment of semi-annual status reporting for Medi-Cal eligibility.
- \$25 million savings from elimination of Wage Adjustment Rate Program for long-term care workers.

### **Senate Bill 28X – Education Statutory Changes**

Makes statutory changes saving a total of \$389.3 million, including:

- \$10,000,000 reduction by reducing Cal Grants for private colleges by 10 percent.
- \$327,600,000 savings by deferring additional Proposition 98 expenditures.
- \$8,300,000 reduction by reducing teacher recruitment funding.
- \$43,400,000 reduction by suspending the Scholarshare program.

### **Senate Bill 29X – Pension Obligation Bonds**

Makes statutory changes required for state to sell Pension Obligation Bonds, saving the state between \$1.9 billion and \$2.2 billion.

# Summary of April Budget Reduction Bills

## May 1, 2003

### **Senate Bill 20X – STRS Supplemental Benefit Maintenance Account**

Makes statutory changes to enable state to skip contribution to the SBMA, provides a savings of \$500 million.

### **Senate Bill 24X – Social Services Statutory Reductions**

Makes statutory changes to save a total of \$4.1 million, including:

- \$39,000 for reduction to the Audit Branch of the Department of Aging.
- \$39,000 for reduction to the Adult Day Health Care Program of the Department of Aging.
- \$787,000 for elimination of Senior Housing and Information Center of the Department of Aging.
- \$3,200,000 for suspension of Health Insurance Incentives for three years.
- \$75,000 for elimination of Group Home Affiliated Leases.

### **Senate Bill 25X – General Government Statutory Changes**

Makes statutory changes to save a total of \$479,000, including:

- \$454,000 for elimination of CPOST mandates for curricula review.
- \$25,000 for elimination of Dam Safety Program of the Office of Emergency Services.

### **Senate Bill 26X – Health Statutory Changes**

Makes statutory changes saving a total of \$330 million, including:

- \$3,100,000 reduction to Outreach for the Baby-Cal.
- \$3,900,000 reduction to Outreach for Healthy Families and Medi-Cal Outreach.
- \$194,000,000 reduction from implementation of Medi-Cal county administration accountability.
- \$50,000,000 reduction from utilization of Medi-Cal dental services.
- \$5,000,000 reduction to prostate cancer research funding.
- \$42,500,000 reduction from establishment of semi-annual Medi-Cal status reports.
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## Budget Issues Linked to Pension Obligation Bond

(Dollars in Thousands)

### Statutory Issues

| CS                                  | org   | Dept | Description  | 2003-04 | 2004-05 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|------|--|---------|---------|
| <b>SB 20X -- STRS</b>               |       |      |  |         |         |
| DH                                  | A1920 |      | STRS Supplemental Benefit Maintenance Acct<br>pymt suspension                  | 500,000 | 0       |
| <b>SB 24X -- Social Services</b>    |       |      |  |         |         |
| MA                                  | A4170 | CDA  | Reduce Audit Branch  | 39      | 39      |
| MA                                  | A4170 | CDA  | Reduce Adult Day Health Care Program   | 39      | 39      |
| MA                                  | A4170 | CDA  | Eliminate Senior Housing and Information<br>Center                             | 787     | 787     |
| MA                                  | A5160 | DOR  | Consolidate Habilitation Services Program<br>(HSP) within the Regional Centers | 0       | 2,200   |
| MA                                  | A5175 | DCSS | Suspend Health Insurance Incentives for three<br>years                         | 3,200   | 3,200   |
| MA                                  | A5175 | DCSS | Reduce Basic Incentives  | 25,000  | 25,000  |
| MA                                  | A5180 | DSS  | Eliminate Funding for Group Home Affiliated<br>Leases                          | 75      | 75      |
| <b>SB 25X -- General Government</b> |       |      |  |         |         |
| TT                                  | A0690 | OES  | Eliminate Dam Safety Program   | \$25    | \$25    |
| DH                                  | A5460 | YA   | Eliminate CPOST mandates for curricula<br>review                               | 454     | 454     |
| <b>SB 26X -- Health</b>             |       |      |  |         |         |
| SB                                  | A4260 | DHS  | Baby-Cal Outreach  | 3,100   | 3,100   |
| SB                                  | A4260 | DHS  | HFP/Medi-Cal Outreach  | 3,900   | 3,900   |
| SB                                  | A4260 | DHS  | Implement Medi-Cal county administration<br>accountability                     | 194,000 | 194,000 |
| SB                                  | A4260 | DHS  | Utilization control dental services Medi-Cal                                   | 50,750  | 50,750  |
| SB                                  | A4260 | DHS  | Reduce additional prostate cancer funding                                      | 5,000   | 5,000   |
| SB                                  | A4260 | DHS  | Semi-Annual Status Reports   | 42,500  | 42,500  |
| SB                                  | A4260 | DHS  | Eliminate Wage Adjustment Rate Program   | 21,000  | 21,000  |
| SB                                  | A4441 | DMH  | Eliminate next round of Early Mental Health<br>Services Grants (Prop 98 GF)**  | 10,000  | 10,000  |
| <b>SB 28X -- Education</b>          |       |      |  |         |         |
| JB                                  | A6110 | SDE  | Prop 98 savings/deferral   | 327,600 | 165,700 |
| JB                                  | A6110 | SDE  | Teacher recruitment  | 8,300   | 8,300   |
| JB                                  | A7980 |      | Reduce Cal Grant 10 percent  | 10,000  | 10,000  |
| JB                                  | A0950 | STO  | Phase out and eliminate funding for the<br>Governor's Scholar Program          | 18,400  | 43,400  |

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|---|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>Totals, Statutory Issues</b>           | <b>1,224,169</b>   | <b>\$558,129</b> |
| <b>Totals, Non-statutory Issues</b>       | <b>571,230</b>     | <b>441,437</b>   |
| <b>Grand Total Expenditure Reductions</b> | <b>\$1,795,399</b> | <b>\$999,566</b> |

### **SB 29X -- Pension Obligation Bond**

**\$1,850,000**

\*\*Correct number is \$5,000,000

## Non-Statutory / Budget Action Only

| CS | org   | Dept         | Description  | 2003-04 | 2004-05 |
|----|-------|--------------|--|---------|---------|
| DH | A0250 | Judiciary    | Savings from consolidation of administrative functions                             | \$500   | \$500   |
| DH | A0250 | Judiciary    | Unallocated reduction to the Judiciary   | 8,500   | 8,500   |
| DH | A0280 | CJP          | Reduce state operations by 25%   | 1,036   | 1,036   |
| DH | A0450 | Trial Courts | Savings from consolidation of administrative functions                             | 2,500   | 2,500   |
| DH | A0450 | Trial Courts | Unallocated reduction to the Trial Courts  | 85,000  | 85,000  |
| SB | A0530 | HNSA         | Reclass position previously assigned to EMSA                                       | 25      | 25      |
| DH | A0550 | YACA         | Reduce out-of-state travel   | 1       | 1       |
| DH | A0550 | YACA         | Eliminate Executive Assistant  | 58      | 58      |
| DH | A0552 | OIG          | Reduce out-of-state travel   | 10      | 10      |
| DH | A0552 | OIG          | Reduce administrative positions  | 330     | 330     |
| TT | A0690 | OES          | Reduce out-of-state travel   | 48      | 48      |
| TT | A0690 | OES          | Reduce Maintenance Support to CISN   | 580     | 580     |
| DH | A0820 | Justice      | False Claims Act Fund  | 1,500   | 0       |
| TS | A0860 | BOE          | Reduce out-of-state travel   | 85      | 85      |
| TS | A0890 | SOS          | Reduce out-of-state travel   | 25      | 25      |
| TS | A0890 | SOS          | Business Fees Reinvestment Fund Sweep  | 193     | 0       |
| DH | A0950 | STO          | Reduce out-of-state travel   | 38      | 38      |
| DH | A0950 | STO          | Realign administrative charges   | 613     | 613     |
| TS | A1111 | DCA          | Consumer Information Center--Eliminate General Fund funding                        | 372     | 372     |
| TS | A1705 | FEHC         | Reduce out-of-state travel   | 2       | 2       |
| TS | A1705 | FEHC         | Reduce frequency of Commission hearings  | 8       | 8       |
| TS | A1705 | FEHC         | Reduce OE & E  | 13      | 13      |
| TS | A1705 | FEHC         | Reduce staff   | 46      | 46      |
| TS | A1730 | FTB          | Reduce out-of-state travel   | 80      | 80      |
| TS | A1730 | FTB          | Reduce outreach services   | 451     | 451     |
| TS | A1730 | FTB          | Reduce various state operations and OE&E   | 1,000   | 1,000   |
| TS | A1731 | FTB          | Unallocated cut  | 1,359   | 1,359   |
| TS | A1760 | DGS          | Transfer California Home Page and Governor's Email Contracts to Teale Data Ctr     | 3,313   | 3,313   |
| TS | A1760 | DGS          | Change in Projected Sales Dates for Chino from CY to BY                            | 65,000  | 0       |
| TS | A1760 | DGS          | Increased Projections of Revenue-Sales of Real Property - Bay Area Research Center | 25,000  | 0       |
| TS | A1760 | DGS          | 2 New Surplus Property Sales   | 10,000  | 0       |
| TS | A2240 | HCD          | Reduce out-of-state travel by 50%  | 7       | 7       |
| TS | A2240 | HCD          | Eliminate outreach portion of Office of Migrant Services                           | 107     | 107     |
| TS | A2240 | HCD          | Reduce State Housing Law Outreach  | 110     | 110     |
| TS | A2240 | HCD          | Eliminate State Housing Law Outreach   | 110     | 0       |
| TS | A2240 | HCD          | Reduce Office of Migrant Services  | 113     | 113     |
| TS | A2920 | TTCA         | Restore rent liability for eliminated programs.                                    | (575)   | 0       |
| TS | A2920 | TTCA         | Eliminate Marketing and Communications Program                                     | 200     | 200     |

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|----|-------|--------------|---|-------|-------|
| TS | A2920 | TTCA         | Eliminate Economic Research and Planning Unit   | 562   | 562   |
| TT | A3340 | Corps        | Lay off field administrative staff (part of the 25% reduction)                                | 3,232 | 3,232 |
| TT | A3340 | Corps        | Reduce operating expenses (part of the 25% reduction)   | 3,262 | 3,262 |
| TT | A3600 | DFG          | Eliminate triploid grass carp operations  | 74    | 74    |
| TT | A3600 | DFG          | Reduce Office of Program Management Administration  | 195   | 195   |
| TT | A3600 | DFG          | Reduce publications   | 247   | 247   |
| TT | A3600 | DFG          | Eliminate Becoming an Outdoor Woman program   | 323   | 323   |
| TT | A3600 | DFG          | Reduce striped bass operations  | 325   | 325   |
| TT | A3600 | DFG          | Eliminate Project Wildlife In Learning Design (WILD)  | 350   | 350   |
| TT | A3600 | DFG          | Reduce land management  | 396   | 396   |
| TT | A3600 | DFG          | Eliminate North Coast Watershed Assessment program  | 911   | 911   |
| TT | A3600 | DFG          | Close/reduce hatcheries   | 1,571 | 1,571 |
| TT | A3600 | DFG          | Reduce Wildlife Area and Ecological Reserve operations  | 1,915 | 1,915 |
| TT | A3600 | DFG          | Reduce timber harvest plan (THP) review   | 425   | 425   |
| TT | A3720 | Coastal Comm | Reduce Coastal Access Program   | 108   | 108   |
| TT | A3720 | Coastal Comm | Reduce Regulating Coastal Development   | 215   | 215   |
| TT | A3720 | Coastal Comm | Reduce Planning and Support   | 216   | 216   |
| TT | A3820 | BCDC         | Reduce general operating expenses   | 5     | 5     |
| TT | A3820 | BCDC         | Reduce commission meeting   | 34    | 34    |
| TT | A3820 | BCDC         | Reduce Enforcement Program  | 62    | 62    |
| TT | A3820 | BCDC         | Eliminate Non-Point Source Program  | 68    | 68    |
| TT | A3900 | Air Board    | Reduce various air monitoring and compliance programs   | 2,045 | 2,045 |
| TT | A3930 | Pesticides   | Reduce Air Monitoring Program   | 138   | 138   |
| TT | A3930 | Pesticides   | Reduce funding for Restricted Use Permits   | 576   | 576   |
| TT | A3930 | Pesticides   | Reduce Surface Water Program  | 717   | 717   |
| TT | A3930 | Pesticides   | Eliminate Pest Management Grants  | 352   | 352   |
| TT | A3940 | Water Boar   | Reduce the Nonpoint Source Program  | 89    | 89    |
| TT | A3940 | Water Boar   | Reduce Water Quality Trend Monitoring   | 6,802 | 6,802 |
| TT | A3940 | Water Boar   | Reduce data management activities   | 500   | 500   |
| TT | A3940 | Water Boar   | Reduce underground storage tank cleanup oversight   | 682   | 682   |
| TT | A3960 | Toxics       | Reduce review of preliminary endangerment assessments and site mitigation database (Calsites) | 441   | 441   |
| TT | A3980 | OEHHA        | Reduce Air Toxicology and Epidemiology Assessment   | 334   | 334   |
| TT | A3980 | OEHHA        | Reduce Reproductive and Cancer Hazardous Assessment   | 405   | 405   |
| TT | A3980 | OEHHA        | Reduce Integrated Risk Assessment   | 811   | 811   |
| SB | A4120 | EMSA         | Offset state support for anti-terrorism response program with federal grant                   | 54    | 0     |



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|----|-------|-------|---|--------|--------|
| SB | A4120 | EMSA  | Eliminate Mutual Aid Coordinator Program  | 107    | 107    |
| MA | A4170 | CDA   | Reduce Human Resources Branch   | 110    | 110    |
| SB | A4260 | DHS   | Health program media and outreach campaigns   | 13,000 | 13,000 |
| SB | A4260 | DHS   | Reduce out-of-state travel  | 200    | 200    |
| SB | A4260 | DHS   | Initiate Billing Audits to Increase Medicare Reimbursements   | 915    | 915    |
| SB | A4260 | DHS   | Implement Improved Facilities Usage   | 2,637  | 2,637  |
| SB | A4260 | DHS   | Reduce Medi-Cal Serostim cost for ADAP recipients   | 3,750  | 3,750  |
| SB | A4260 | DHS   | Increased Medi-Cal Estate Recoveries  | 8,000  | 8,000  |
| SB | A4260 | DHS   | Eliminate Family Planning Outreach  | 1,700  | 1,700  |
| SB | A4280 | MRMIB | Reduce Funding for MRMIB Operating Expenses and Equipment   | 53     | 53     |
| SB | A4300 | DDS   | Reduce Out of State Travel and OE&E Reduction   | 22     | 22     |
| SB | A4440 | DMH   | State Mental Health Hospital caseload   | 14,000 | 14,000 |
| SB | A4440 | DMH   | Eliminate Early Mental Health Services State Operations   | 439    | 439    |
| MA | A4700 | DCSD  | Eliminate General Fund support for Mentor Program   | 1,000  | 1,000  |
| MA | A5160 | DOR   | Reduce Vocational Rehabilitation Program Staff  | 493    | 493    |
| MA | A5160 | DOR   | Adjust Vocational Rehabilitation Program Funding - Adjustment   | 601    | 601    |
| MA | A5160 | DOR   | Shift Cooperative Program Funding   | 121    | 121    |
| MA | A5175 | DCSS  | Reduce Cooperative Personnel Services Contract  | 52     | 52     |
| MA | A5175 | DCSS  | Reduce Operating Expenses and Equipment   | 128    | 128    |
| MA | A5175 | DCSS  | Reduce Various Positions  | 318    | 318    |
| MA | A5175 | DCSS  | Make Various Adjustments to Reflect 2001-02 Actual Expenditures   | 44,683 | 44,683 |
| MA | A5175 | DCSS  | Reduce Client Outreach  | 510    | 510    |
| MA | A5180 | DSS   | Reduce Positions and OE&E in the Adult Programs Branch  | 759    | 759    |
| MA | A5180 | DSS   | Eliminate Certain Forms, Reduce Travel and Consultant Services in the Children and Family Services Division | 848    | 848    |
| MA | A5180 | DSS   | Reduce Consultative and Translation Activities for Medi-Cal Disability Evaluation                           | 67     | 67     |
| DH | A5240 | CDC   | Closure of Northern California Women's Facility   | 10,249 | 10,249 |
| DH | A5430 | BOC   | Transfer from Corrections Training Fund   | 10,164 | 0      |
| DH | A5440 | BPT   | Unallocated reduction to Board of Prison Terms  | 1,025  | 1,025  |
| DH | A5450 | YOPB  | Reduce out-of-state travel  | 1      | 1      |
| DH | A5460 | YA    | Reduce Audit Bureau operating expenses and equipment  | 36     | 36     |
| DH | A5460 | YA    | Adjust Equal Employment Opportunity staffing  | 75     | 75     |
| DH | A5460 | YA    | Eliminate the Deputy Executive Superintendent position at NCYCC (CEA II)                                    | 94     | 94     |

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|----|-------|---------------|--|---------|---------|
| DH | A5460 | YA            | Eliminate Captain positions at facilities with Major and Captain positions.  | 145     | 145     |
| DH | A5460 | YA            | Reduce the Project Management Bureau   | 147     | 147     |
| DH | A5460 | YA            | Downsize staffing in business services   | 155     | 155     |
| DH | A5460 | YA            | Merge the Covina office with the East Los Angeles office to a new location in Pico Rivera  | 183     | 183     |
| DH | A5460 | YA            | Reduction of Executive Office operational budget   | 276     | 276     |
| DH | A5460 | YA            | Restructure Accounting Services  | 279     | 279     |
| DH | A5460 | YA            | Reduction to I & C Branch operational budget   | 300     | 300     |
| DH | A5460 | YA            | Reduce oversight and direct services positions in the Interstate Compact Unit, Parole Administration and central office lan managers | 349     | 349     |
| DH | A5460 | YA            | Eliminate vacant I & C Branch Central Office Positions   | 352     | 352     |
| DH | A5460 | YA            | Reduce institution operation funds   | 425     | 425     |
| DH | A5460 | YA            | Restructure positions supervising parolees on community service work crews   | 698     | 698     |
| DH | A5460 | YA            | Reduction to Treatment Team Supervisor positions   | 750     | 750     |
| DH | A5460 | YA            | Reduction of supervisor and management positions in Parole Services offices throughtout the state                                    | 782     | 782     |
| DH | A5460 | YA            | Reduce funding associated with parolees detained locally pending board hearing   | 1,000   | 1,000   |
| DH | A5460 | YA            | Reduce the number of basic academies   | 457     | 457     |
| DH | A5460 | YA            | Close one of the facilities in Stockton quad   | 5,000   | 5,000   |
| DH | A5480 | CPOST         | Reduce operating expenses and equipment  | 68      | 68      |
| JB | A6110 | SDE           | Switch High School Exit Exam workbooks to Title VI federal funds   | 2,353   | 2,353   |
| JB | A6440 |               | Continue one-time core UC cuts   | 29,000  | 29,000  |
| JB | A6440 |               | Unallocated reductions to UC and CSU   | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| MA | A7300 | ALRB          | Miscellaneous Reductions   | 12      | 12      |
| MA | A7350 | DIR           | Labor Agency Efficiencies  | 2,540   | 2,540   |
| DH | A8100 | OCJP          | Reduce operating expenses and equipment  | 22      | 22      |
| DH | A8100 | OCJP          | Reduce Homeless Youth Project  | 45      | 45      |
| DH | A8100 | OCJP          | Reduce state operations funding for interagency agreement with DOJ for high technology theft training                                | 146     | 146     |
| DH | A8100 | OCJP          | Reduce Gang Violence Supression Program  | 236     | 236     |
| TT | A8570 | Food & Ag     | Reduce General Ag Activities   | 380     | 380     |
| TT | A8570 | Food & Ag     | Reduce Agricultural Inspection Stations  | 1,370   | 1,370   |
| TT | A8570 | Food & Ag     | Eliminate General Fund Support for Buy California  | 1,500   | 1,500   |
| TS | A8620 | FPPC          | Reduce vacant position for statement of economic interest outreach and travel for seminars.  | 60      | 60      |
| DH | A8700 | Victims Board | Eliminate Reimbursement to Counties for Special Election Costs   | 1,000   | 1,000   |

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|----|---------|-------------------------|--|--------|---------|
| TS | A8885   | CSM                     | Decrease frequency of Commission meetings                    | 10     | 10      |
| TS | A8885   | CSM                     | Reduce overtime  | 16     | 16      |
| TS | A8885   | CSM                     | Eliminate positions  | 288    | 288     |
| DH | A'8910  | OAL                     | Elimination of Staffing (20% reduction)                      | 491    | 491     |
| DH | A8940   | Military                | Defer repayment of one-time reduction for armory restoration | 1,000  | (1,000) |
| DH | A9901   | CalPERS Health Benefits | Reduce Health Benefit Administrative Fee                     | 691    | 691     |
| TS | Various | Various                 | Various Capital Outlay Projects                              | 4,271  | 0       |
| TS | Various | Various                 | Various Capital Outlay Projects                              | 12,076 | 0       |

**Total Non-Statutory/Budget Action Only** **\$571,230** **\$441,437**

**Grand Total - Items linked to POBS** **\$1,795,399** **\$999,566**

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## OPINION

## THE INDEPENDENT

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# Anti-Patriot-Act stance by supes would support the Bill of Rights

**T**HE PATRIOT ACT is an emergency measure taken by the administration and Congress after 9-11. While the legislation has been enacted on a federal level, its provisions affect local law enforcement and local communities.

Nathan Visconti and two other students from Serra High School formed a committee about two months ago to campaign against the effects of the Patriot Act. Visconti, 16, appeared before the county Board of Supervisors to ask that a resolution be drafted against the Patriot Act.

The Serra students call themselves the San Mateo Bill of Rights Defense Committee and have been joined by members of Peace Action, Green Party, American Civil Liberties Union, League of Women Voters and the Social Action Committee of San Mateo.

The Defense Committee resolution asks that — to the extent legally possible — the supervisors instruct county employees not to comply with investigations using

Patriot Act surveillance powers. The resolution would require the county's public schools and colleges to notify people when their records were obtained by law enforcement agents under the Patriot Act.

It would also require each library in the county to minimize the time it holds records and to post signs warning patrons that their records could be obtained by federal authorities. Under the Patriot Act, libraries and bookstores can be asked to provide records of their users' reading habits.

Supervisors Mark Church, Mike Nevin and Jerry Hill sit on the Legislative Committee of the board and decided to recommend to the full board a watered-down version of the resolution. The committee favored a bill in Congress that would exempt bookstores and libraries from the Patriot Act. It also opposed any extension of the Act once it expires. The full board will hear the recommendation on May 6

and vote for the legislative recommendation.

We urge the full board to vote in favor of the recommendation. While we believe the entire recommendation by the Bill of Rights Defense Committee would be preferable, we would settle for half a loaf. It is a step forward as the county government joins 90 cities and counties across the country in opposing the Patriot Act.

We believe the Bill of Rights is too important to American freedom to be curtailed by legislation from Congress. We went to war in Iraq under the banner of liberating 23 million people who were oppressed by a brutal dictator, because they did not enjoy the basic freedoms that we have come to value so highly.

The Patriot Act erodes some of these freedoms, one step at a time. It was an overreaction to a terrible attack on this country. But there is no evidence that it has been useful in countering terrorist activities in America.