Sustaining the Recovery:

The Role of Federal Aid to State and Local Governments

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State Tax Revenues are Falling.

Percent change in April to June state revenue collections, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009.





Source: The Census Bureau.

Medicaid Enrollment Is Rising.





Source: The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured.

Change in enrollment (percent)

2010 Shortfalls As a Share of State Budgets





35 States Have FY 2010 Mid-Year Gaps



Even with Federal Stimulus, Large Budget Gaps Remain.



State Budget Cuts



Budget cuts already enacted in this downturn



How Bad Will It Get?

Total state budget shortfall in each fiscal year, in billions





Source: CBPP survey

ARRA Reduces State Budget Gaps, But Large Deficits Remain

Budget shortfalls in billions



Sources: Shortfalls data from CBPP; ARRA data from Congressional Budget Office and CBPP.



What is At Risk?

\$142 billion gap, after ARRA funding

0.9 Percent of GDP

900,000 JOBS