

# MAPE RESPONDS TO SENATOR KOCH'S AND REPRESENTATIVE ZELLERS' POLITICAL LETTER TO STATE EMPLOYEES

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MAPE members received an email Monday from Rep. Zellers and Sen. Koch email. Below is a statement to the media from MAPE Executive Director Jim Monroe. For those who wish to respond to the email from Zellers and Koch, please go here:

<http://action.teammape.org/zellers>

**Jim Monroe**

**MAPE Executive Director**

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"Today, State Representative Kurt Zellers and State Senator Amy Koch sent out what many of our members have termed an inappropriate, 'political' letter to state employees. Speaker Zellers, do you not remember that it was Representative Keith Downey, a member of your caucus, who said that when it came to the state workforce, it is important to 'starve the beast'?"

Do you both not remember that throughout the recent legislative session, your members, in both houses, continually attacked hard-working, dedicated state employees by authoring and passing bills that cut state employees' jobs, wages, healthcare and pensions?"

We support Governor Dayton – and do not trust what tricks your party will pull during a legislative session. Leadership is about compromise and fairness for the common good, not ideology that allows the rich to get richer. You are jeopardizing our members' livelihoods and financial well being by not compromising with Governor Dayton.

Senator Koch and Representative Zellers, make no mistake about it - our members believe to their core that the budget impasse and upcoming shutdown rest squarely on your shoulders. It is troubling that you would choose to harm the middle class rather than have the wealthy pay their fair share in taxes. Meet with the Governor and get the job done, don't waste time on insincere and insulting letters.

As an aside, we would also like to know how you got the emails of the state workforce to spam them, and why it appears that the email address it was sent from has bounced back responses from our members."