

**Re: "Budget boon: grocery sales tax"**

By Eliana Bukofzer, Oakland

(San Francisco Chronicle, June 8, 2009, page A-14)

I agree that taxing grocery store items is a great way to raise money during these cashstrapped times. However, taxing food doesn't make sense because people need it to live. A more humane plan would be to tax what we don't need and actually causes us harm, through chronic diseases - soda.

**Original letter**

"Budget boon: grocery sales tax"

By Nancy L. Peterson, Albany

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Some states charge sales tax for groceries and other food items. Extending the California tax reach to include foods would greatly enhance our revenue flow and would be a far more humane and desirable option than cutting some of the services now being considered, especially those affecting child welfare, education and public safety.