



Governor Romney's FY2003 state budget proposal

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Governor Romney's budget is a refreshing and serious-minded effort to transform the political culture on Beacon Hill. He is offering a new model of governance in Massachusetts...a shift from the current approach...where citizens work to keep state government afloat...to one where state government works for its citizens.

The fierce opposition these reforms can expect are understandable. They come mostly from those who benefit from the old model.

But the Governor's budget shifts the emphasis away from institutions and toward the citizens they are supposed to serve. It's an approach to government to which most state residents are unaccustomed, but are increasingly demanding from their political leaders.

The Governor's court reforms are a case in point. His proposals to return management of the courts to the judiciary are crucial to rescuing our judicial system from the patronage and political infighting that is strangling the system today.

These reforms are the only way to ensure fair and efficient justice across the Commonwealth. The Romney budget gives Massachusetts a fresh start.