

Big Business and Public Officials Created this Recession

For decades, cities and the State of Michigan cut public services, pretending they had a new budget crisis almost every year.

- **There was no budget crisis – only big handouts to Big Business.**
- **Last year, about 12 billion dollars was given to business. That's more than the state of Michigan spends on everything else!**

Big Business freeloards – so state and city services are cut.

- **Crumbling roads and bridges; schools cheated for funds; broken water lines; restrictions on both workers' comp and unemployment comp, closed fire stations....**
- **And every cut in services cuts good-paying jobs.**

For years, private employers pretended they were short of money, also.

- **Short of money? That's a lie.**
- **They accumulated hundreds of billions of dollars in profit, cutting jobs, squeezing still more profit out by cutting the cost of labor.**
- **Their profit went to all those wealthy parasites who live off other people's labor – executives, bankers, bondholders, stockholders.**

The wealthy got wealthier, almost everyone else fell backwards.

- **Today, the gap between the wealthy and everyone else is bigger than at any time since 1929, going into the last big depression.**

Ripping off everyone who works for a living, those parasites threw the country into a severe recession.

- **Cutting more jobs and demanding concessions today, they are turning the recession into a depression.**

They created this recession. Make them pay its cost!