

# **FAITH ACTION NETWORK**

*A Partnership for the Common Good*

## **2014 Legislative Agenda**

### **Top Two Issues**

1. Preventing Gun Violence (Initiative 594- will be going to the legislature)
2. Preventing Wage Theft (this bill from last session will be broken into four separate bills, they are misclassification, retaliation, wage lien, and treble damages)

### **Additional Issues**

1. Creating Sufficient Revenue for the State Budget
  - a. Eliminating Tax Exemptions
  - b. Creating more Transparency and Accountability
2. Preserving our State's Safety Net
  - a. Hunger Issues (Budget Requests)
    - i. \$1 million for EFAP (Emergency Feeding Assistance Program) i.e. our state's food banks.
    - ii. \$500k for Women/Infant/Children/Senior Farmer Market Nutrition Program (\$300k for WIC, \$200k Seniors)
    - iii. \$4.5 million for the State Food Assistance Program (This is primarily for legal immigrants)
  - b. Poverty Issues
    - i. Preventing any bad payday lending bills
3. Dismantling the Culture of Violence
  - a. Criminal Justice Reforms
    - i. 2nd Chance Act (Rep. Roberts and Rep. Goodman)
    - ii. Higher Education in Prisons Bill (Rep. Seaquist HB 1429) this will lift the current prohibition.
    - iii. Re-Entry (Sealing juvenile records as a way to remove the barrier to housing and employment)
    - iv. Abolish Death Penalty
4. Support Passage of the State DREAM Act