

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

We are writing to strongly object to your devastating May Revise budget proposal. Your budget proposal would eliminate jobs and vital state investment in families, yet fails to consider even the most moderate of revenue strategies as alternatives to closing our \$20 billion shortfall.

Our deepening State fiscal crisis demands a balanced solution that will put our economy and families back on track after the deepest recession since the Great Depression. Any state budget proposal in this economy must:

- **Protect, not eliminate, the core investments in human capital that our State has built -- and that have built our State -- over the decades.** The past four years already have brought deep cuts for children, working parents, seniors, people with disabilities, and all families, bringing California to record low investment levels compared both to other states and to its own history. Our economy, our families, and our local communities cannot continue on this track.
- **Stop the secret deals to corporations at the expense of economic and family recovery.** We cannot afford the corporate tax breaks created in secret in February 2009 and September 2008 and scheduled to begin this year. These corporate breaks are estimated to cost the state \$2 billion and have an uncertain impact -- yet they deplete the public funds needed for proven investments in jobs and the workforce. These secret deals, at a minimum, must be postponed during this crisis, and their cost-effectiveness evaluated.
- **Include targeted revenue strategies to create jobs and investment,** such as: closing the corporate property tax loopholes that allow 100% ownership transfers without a new reassessment, and taxing oil companies for oil extracted from California, as every other government does. Solving this budget crisis without considering revenues as well as cuts is as unworkable as it is unwise.

Our economy, our state, and our families will not recover without a balanced budget solution that maintains baseline investments in people and raises the targeted revenue needed to move California forward. We urge you to propose new solutions to our crisis, engage in open negotiations with all legislators, and deliver a 2010-11 budget that passes this test.

Sincerely,

State

9 to 5 California, National Association of Working Women

ACLU of Southern California

Association of CA Caregiver Resource Centers

California Alliance for Retired Americans

California Association of Food Banks

California Church IMPACT

California Commission on the Status of Women

California Family Resource Association
California Food Policy Advocates
California Hunger Action Coalition
California Immigrant Policy Center
California National Organization for Women
California/Nevada Community Action Partnership
California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
California Partnership
California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
California Primary Care Association
California Prison Moratorium Project
California School Health Centers Association
California School Nurses Organization
California WIC Association
CCC CalWORKs Association
Child Development Inc/Child Development Centers/Choices for Children
Children's Defense Fund California
Corporation for Supportive Housing
CSEA
Family Voices of California
Feminist Women's Health Centers of California
Food & Water Watch
Friends Committee on Legislation of California
Having Our Say Coalition
Health Access California
JERICHO, a Voice for Justice
Korean Resource Center
Latino Coalition for a Healthy California
League of Women Voters of California
Lutheran Office of Public Policy – California
Maternal and Child Health Access
National Association of Social Workers, California Chapter
National Council of Jewish Women, California
National Physicians Alliance-California
Older Women's League
On The Capitol Doorstep
Parent Voices
People First of California, Inc.
PowerPAC
United Methodist Board of Church & Society
Western Center on Law and Poverty

Local

721 Seniors Association
Alameda County Board of Education
Alameda County Social Services

Alan Short Center
Aldersgate United Methodist Church SPRC
Asian Pacific Self-development and Residential Association
BANANAS, Inc.
Berkeley Gray Panthers
Berkeley Retired Teacher Association
Broadmoor Plaza
Butte County Health Care Coalition
Californians for Disability Rights (Beach-Wood)
CalWORKs at Orange Coast College
CalWORKs Program-WVC
Center for Independence of the Disabled
Central Coast Center for Independent Living
Central Coast Clergy and Laity for Justice
Central Valley CARA Action Team
Centro Binacional para el Desarrollo Oaxaquena
Chico Peace and Justice Center
Childs Pace Foundation
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles
Communications Workers of America, Local 9408
Communities Actively Living Independent & Free
Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County, Resource & Referral Dept.
Community Resources for Independent Living
Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church
Diocese of Northern California, Millennium Development Goals Commission
East Bay Community Law Center
Family Resource Center, Oakland
Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County
FORUM of Santa Clara County
Frente Indígena de Organizaciones Binacionales (FIOB)
Fresno Needle Exchange Project
Friends of Temescal Pool
Gray Panthers of Berkeley
Hitec Aztec Communications
Housing Rights Committee of San Francisco
Hunger Action Los Angeles
Imperial Valley College, CalWORKs
Irvine United Congregational Advocates for Peace and Justice
Kidango
Latinos y Latinas en Acción
Lavender Seniors of the East Bay
Libreria del Pueblo, Inc.
Los Angeles Community College District, Workforce Development
Los Angeles Regional Foodbank
Mendocino College CalWORKs Program
Mental Health America of Northern California

NAMI Mt San Jacinto
Nevada County Citizens for Choice, Inc.
Noe Valley Ministry Presbyterian Church (USA)
North County Women's Shelter & Resource Center
Older Women's League, Santa Clara County
Openhouse
OWL - San Francisco
Parent Voices
PeaceHost.net
Peace and Justice Commission, St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach
Person Centered Services
Plan of Action in a Changing Era
Progressive Christians Uniting
Retirees Union Local 9423
Rolling Start CIL
San Bernardino County Children's Health Initiative Coalition
San Bernardino/Riverside Counties Central Labor Council AFL-CIO
San Francisco Gray Panthers
San Francisco Living Wage Coalition
San Francisco Network Ministries
San Francisco Senior Center
Senior Action Network
Senior Action Network, San Francisco
Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County
Seniors Council/Area Agency of Santa Cruz & San Benito Counties
Sonoma Valley Peace & Justice
SOS Meals on Wheels
St. Anthony Foundation, San Francisco, CA
St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach
St. Stephen Presbyterian Church
Tri-Valley Haven
U. Presbyterian Church
Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore
Walteria United Methodist Church