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**Statewide Day of Action – Monday, January 10th**

**Families, Seniors, People with Disabilities and Advocates Urge  
Governor Brown to “PUT IT ALL ON THE TABLE”**

**Sacramento, CA** - On Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, hundreds of families, seniors, people with disabilities, and health and human services providers and advocates all across the state will rally outside newly-inaugurated Governor Brown’s regional offices, as well as the State Capitol Building, as part of a statewide effort to urge the Governor and Legislature to put all revenue options “on the table” in order to avoid many of the harmful cuts outlined in the Governor’s proposed budget.

Coordinated rallies and press-conferences are taking place outside the Governor’s offices in Fresno, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego and San Francisco. A rally will also be taking place outside the State Capitol Building in Sacramento.

In his first proposal for the coming budget year, released Monday, Governor Brown proposed a number of steep cuts to essential services and programs that would jeopardize countless California families, seniors and people with disabilities. Unfortunately, given the severity of California’s current fiscal woes, the proposed budget from the Governor is the best case scenario without additional sources of state revenues.

But advocates are hopeful that the Legislature and the newly-elected Governor will work together to propose alternative revenue solutions that would enable California to avoid making sweeping cuts to essential services such as health care, adult day care, child care, job-training and many more.

Participants in Monday’s action are reminding state leaders of the type of state all Californians want to live in:

One that invests in a strong, well-trained and diverse workforce;  
Protects those who cannot work or find work in tough economic times such as these;  
Capable of successfully adapting to the opportunities presented by a changing population and economy.

“These are indeed tough times, but if we’re going to get serious about California’s recovery, then we need to get serious about raising revenues, and that means putting all revenue options on the table,” said Nancy Berlin, Executive Director, California Partnership.

“We applaud Governor Brown’s first step to propose extending last year’s temporary revenue sources – including the Vehicle License Fee, income tax and sales tax increases, as well as the proposed elimination of the highly discredited and ineffective ‘enterprise zone tax credit. But now we need the Legislature to push harder, and bring in the revenues California so desperately needs.”

Revenue options that the Legislature should consider in the coming budget year include:

Implementing a tax on oil drilling in California like every other oil-producing state in the world. Closing loopholes that deprive the state of much-needed revenues, including loopholes in Proposition 13 that allows banks and other corporations to avoid reassessment when they acquire property. Subjecting corporate tax breaks to a rigorous “jobs test” to measure their ability to create and maintain California jobs.

Above all, devastating cuts to the state’s health and human services programs would have significant and lasting impacts on the state’s overall economic performance. On a daily basis, hundreds of thousands of Californians go to work through job training, child care, in-home support services, adult day health care and other services offered through the state’s health care and social services infrastructure.

Meanwhile, more than one million Californians are employed directly within the health and human services system. According to the California Budget Project, one in ten California workers are employed in health care and social assistance occupations, including hospitals, doctors’ offices, dental offices, nursing facilities and other provider services.

Monday’s actions are organized by the Health and Human Services Network of California. For more information about these events, please contact Brian Rice at 510-271-0640 x 106, e-mail at [brian@fcpcommunications.com](mailto:brian@fcpcommunications.com) or visit us online at [www.hhsnetworkca.org](http://www.hhsnetworkca.org).

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**About the HHS Network of California:**

We are a network of advocates, consumers, and allies working together for strong health care and human services in California. We are statewide, diverse, and grassroots. Our network includes people who care about health care, home care for seniors and disabled people, emergency food and food stamps, domestic violence shelters, independent living centers for people with disabilities, child abuse and neglect prevention, women’s health care, community health clinics, AIDS prevention and care, and more — in other words, the basic human needs we all share.

Convening groups for the network include the [Western Center on Law and Poverty](#), [Health Access](#), [California Partnership](#), [California Immigrant Policy Center](#), and [California Alliance of Retired Americans](#).