

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Hundreds Rally Outside Capitol to Urge Senate Democrats to “Be a Champion – Help Save Lives!”

WHAT: Families, seniors, people with disabilities and health care and human services advocates rally on the North Steps of the State Capitol Building to urge Democratic leaders in the State Senate to support Governor Brown’s revenue package, as well as alternative solutions, in order to prevent even more dangerous and life-threatening cuts to the state’s health and human services programs.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 22 at 12:00 pm/Noon

WHERE: State Capitol Building – North Steps, Sacramento, CA

WHO: Families, Seniors, Childcare Workers, People with Disabilities, IHSS Workers, Educators, Health Care Providers

VISUALS: Hundreds of constituents rallying outside the Capitol, including California seniors, families, and people with disabilities threatened by potentially life-threatening cuts to essential health care and social services, and visiting Senate Democratic legislators.

Sacramento, CA– On Tuesday, February 22nd, hundreds of California families, seniors, people with disabilities, child care workers, health care providers and others will rally outside the State Capitol Building in Sacramento to ask Democratic leaders of the State Senate to “Be Our Champions” and “Help Save Lives” by passing Governor Brown’s \$12 billion in sustainable revenue solutions, as well as seeking out alternative solutions, including additional revenues and smart savings from the state’s corrections budget, in order to avert dangerous and life-threatening cuts.

Participants in Tuesday’s rally are looking to state leaders to pass the Governor’s revenue package in order to prevent further dangerous and potentially life-threatening cuts to essential health care and social services, on top of the Governor’s already

proposed multi-billion dollar cuts. Following the rally, constituents will visit with Democratic Senators and deliver postcards encouraging them to stand up for the Governor's revenue proposals.

In addition to showing support for the Governor's \$12 billion revenue package, participants will also be encouraging legislators and the Governor to work towards finding alternatives that would enable California to avoid implementing some of the most lethal cuts already proposed in the Governor's budget plan, including cuts that would force hard caps on doctor's visits for Medi-Cal patients and eliminate aid to more than 230,000 low-income children. If implemented, these cuts would put countless Californians in jeopardy, cost the state thousands of public and private sector jobs, and cause irreparable harm to the state's health care and social services infrastructure.

Tuesday's event is organized by member organizations of the Health and Human Services Network of California, a statewide coalition of advocates, consumers, and allies working together for strong health care and human services in California. For more information, please visit us online at 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. 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](#), and [California Immigrant Policy Center](#).