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With \$12 billion in spending cuts already passed, HHS Network of California urges state leaders to continue with balanced approach to state budget deficit

The Health and Human Services Network of California issued the following statement in response to Governor Jerry Brown's announcement Tuesday that budget negotiations have been halted:

March 29 – The HHS Network and its hundreds of partners and allies are deeply disappointed to hear that negotiations over the Governor's proposed revenue solutions have come to a halt.

Governor Brown has proposed a thoughtful and balanced solution to the state's \$26 billion deficit. Though it included dangerous and potentially life-threatening cuts to essential health care and human services programs such as Medi-Cal, CalWORKS, and Adult Day Health Care, it nonetheless offered much-needed stability and common-sense solutions by aiming to balance the budget through an equal mix of cuts and revenues.

After having already suffered \$12 billion in significant spending cuts to our health care, schools, and human services, Republican legislators have demonstrated an unconscionable lack of faith by refusing to allow the voters to weigh in on the Governor's \$12 billion revenue package. Rather than adopting a non-partisan approach to balancing the state's spending, Republican legislators have instead opted to pursue the path of narrow interests over the people of California.

The unwillingness of Republican legislators to even consider passing the Governor's modest revenue package is nothing short of an attempt to stronghold the budget process and force the state into accepting a "cuts-only" solution. In turn, this will hurt many more families and cost the state countless more public and private sector jobs.

It is absolutely imperative that state leaders come together and pass a budget that includes revenue solutions to prevent even more devastating and life-threatening cuts to essential health care and human services.

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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](#).