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THE GOVERNOR’S REVISED BUDGET WOULD WITHHOLD STATE AND FEDERAL COLAS FOR MORE THAN 1 MILLION SSI/SSP RECIPIENTS ACROSS CALIFORNIA

Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) grants help low-income seniors and people with disabilities meet basic living expenses. On February 16, 2008, the Governor signed legislation delaying the June 2008 state cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to October 2008, which will eliminate \$91 million in grant payments over four months to SSI/SSP recipients. The Governor’s May Revision proposes to suspend the October 2008 and June 2009 state COLAs and to withhold – or not “pass through” to recipients – the January 2009 federal COLA, which would eliminate an additional \$393 million in grant payments to more than 1 million vulnerable Californians and further erode the purchasing power of SSI/SSP grants.

Estimated Impact of Governor's Proposal To Withhold State and Federal COLAs for SSI/SSP Grants, October 2008 Through June 2009					
County	Number of Recipients Affected	Loss of Funds	County	Number of Recipients Affected	Loss of Funds
Alameda	53,310	\$17,429,000	Orange	69,080	\$21,470,000
Alpine	30	\$10,000	Placer	4,950	\$1,418,000
Amador	640	\$186,000	Plumas	800	\$217,000
Butte	11,080	\$3,308,000	Riverside	53,360	\$15,191,000
Calaveras	1,100	\$316,000	Sacramento	60,580	\$20,303,000
Colusa	630	\$148,000	San Benito	890	\$213,000
Contra Costa	24,930	\$7,959,000	San Bernardino	67,820	\$20,415,000
Del Norte	2,130	\$668,000	San Diego	84,680	\$25,122,000
El Dorado	3,020	\$857,000	San Francisco	48,140	\$15,770,000
Fresno	42,510	\$13,072,000	San Joaquin	29,350	\$9,250,000
Glenn	1,230	\$334,000	San Luis Obispo	5,510	\$1,510,000
Humboldt	7,400	\$2,364,000	San Mateo	13,570	\$3,932,000
Imperial	10,810	\$2,762,000	Santa Barbara	10,280	\$2,824,000
Inyo	510	\$132,000	Santa Clara	47,490	\$15,309,000
Kern	33,580	\$9,937,000	Santa Cruz	5,940	\$1,664,000
Kings	5,050	\$1,408,000	Shasta	9,720	\$2,956,000
Lake	3,910	\$1,132,000	Sierra	90	\$22,000
Lassen	1,100	\$339,000	Siskiyou	2,710	\$797,000
Los Angeles	418,840	\$132,820,000	Solano	11,500	\$3,558,000
Madera	4,980	\$1,350,000	Sonoma	10,150	\$2,918,000

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Marin	3,950	\$1,187,000	Stanislaus	21,250	\$6,369,000
Mariposa	610	\$164,000	Sutter	3,660	\$1,015,000
Mendocino	4,060	\$1,249,000	Tehama	3,290	\$944,000
Merced	11,100	\$3,255,000	Trinity	780	\$227,000
Modoc	470	\$133,000	Tulare	19,650	\$5,423,000
Mono	110	\$32,000	Tuolumne	1,750	\$479,000
Monterey	9,660	\$2,587,000	Ventura	16,490	\$4,487,000
Napa	2,450	\$693,000	Yolo	5,350	\$1,597,000
Nevada	1,880	\$539,000	Yuba	4,070	\$1,230,000
			Total	1,274,000	\$393,000,000

Note: Total estimated number of recipients affected is based on the estimated 2008-09 SSI/SSP caseload. Total estimated loss of funds represents the estimated aggregate grant loss to SSI/SSP recipients between October 2008 and June 2009 under the Governor's proposals to suspend the October 2008 and June 2009 state COLAs and to not pass through the January 2009 federal COLA. County estimates of affected recipients are rounded to the nearest 10 and county estimates of loss of funds are rounded to the nearest 1,000. County estimates are based on each county's share of the SSI/SSP caseload and payments in December 2006. County estimates may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Source: Assembly Budget Committee and CBP analysis of Department of Finance, Legislative Analyst's Office, and Social Security Administration data