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THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED CUTS TO THE SSI/SSP PROGRAM AND CAPI WOULD AFFECT MORE THAN 1.3 MILLION CALIFORNIANS

Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) grants help low-income seniors and people with disabilities meet basic living expenses. Governor Schwarzenegger proposes to reduce SSI/SSP grants to the minimum level required by federal law effective May 1, 2009 and to suspend the June 2010 state cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for SSI/SSP grants, which together would eliminate \$1.324 billion in grant payments to more than 1.3 million vulnerable Californians between May 2009 and June 2010 and further erode the purchasing power of SSI/SSP grants. In addition, the Governor proposes to eliminate the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI), which provides state-funded cash assistance to more than 10,000 elderly and/or disabled legal immigrants who are not eligible for SSI/SSP payments due to their immigration status, for additional state savings of \$149.6 million between May 2009 and June 2010.

Estimated Impact of Governor's Proposals To Reduce SSI/SSP Grants, Suspend State COLA, and Eliminate the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI)							
County	Number of Recipients Affected	Loss of Funds	County	Number of Recipients Affected	Loss of Funds		
Alameda	55,550	\$73,561,000	Orange	71,630	\$78,095,000		
Alpine	30	\$31,000	Placer	5,220	\$5,304,000		
Amador	680	\$627,000	Plumas	810	\$733,000		
Butte	11,530	\$11,729,000	Riverside	55,580	\$53,844,000		
Calaveras	1,140	\$1,132,000	Sacramento	63,590	\$78,728,000		
Colusa	630	\$482,000	San Benito	950	\$940,000		
Contra Costa	25,820	\$30,064,000	San Bernardino	69,490	\$70,099,000		
Del Norte	2,150	\$2,236,000	San Diego	86,660	\$88,052,000		
El Dorado	3,110	\$2,987,000	San Francisco	49,440	\$61,555,000		
Fresno	43,540	\$46,526,000	San Joaquin	29,890	\$31,613,000		
Glenn	1,240	\$1,146,000	San Luis Obispo	5,690	\$5,696,000		
Humboldt	7,550	\$8,083,000	San Mateo	14,050	\$16,906,000		
Imperial	11,030	\$9,430,000	Santa Barbara	10,410	\$9,780,000		
Inyo	510	\$441,000	Santa Clara	49,570	\$60,807,000		
Kern	34,310	\$33,943,000	Santa Cruz	6,140	\$5,744,000		
Kings	5,130	\$4,792,000	Shasta	10,090	\$10,082,000		
Lake	3,990	\$3,887,000	Sierra	110	\$95,000		
Lassen	1,100	\$1,052,000	Siskiyou	2,770	\$2,639,000		
Los Angeles	430,730	\$516,710,000	Solano	12,100	\$14,070,000		
Madera	5,130	\$4,831,000	Sonoma	10,390	\$10,541,000		
Marin	4,040	\$4,408,000	Stanislaus	21,800	\$23,780,000		

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Mariposa	640	\$567,000	Sutter	3,780	\$3,614,000
Mendocino	4,170	\$4,260,000	Tehama	3,510	\$3,422,000
Merced	11,550	\$11,733,000	Trinity	820	\$812,000
Modoc	500	\$467,000	Tulare	20,070	\$18,788,000
Mono	120	\$119,000	Tuolumne	1,740	\$1,611,000
Monterey	9,820	\$8,785,000	Ventura	17,090	\$17,273,000
Napa	2,570	\$2,500,000	Yolo	5,630	\$6,376,000
Nevada	1,950	\$1,868,000	Yuba	4,230	\$4,441,000
			Total	1,313,510	\$1,473,839,000

Note: Total estimated number of recipients affected is based on the estimated 2009-10 SSI/SSP and CAPI caseloads. Total estimated loss of funds represents the estimated aggregate grant loss to SSI/SSP recipients between May 2009 and June 2010 under the Governor's proposals to reduce SSI/SSP grants to the minimum level required by federal law, suspend the June 2010 state COLA for SSI/SSP grants, and eliminate CAPI. 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. SSI/SSP county estimates are based on each county's share of the SSI/SSP caseload and payments in December 2007, and CAPI estimates are based on each county's share of the CAPI caseload in November 2008, the most recent months for which these data are available. County estimates may not sum to totals due to rounding. Source: CBP analysis of Department of Finance, Department of Social Services, and US Social Security Administration data