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THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED CUTS TO THE SSI/SSP AND CAPI PROGRAMS WOULD AFFECT NEARLY 950,000 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 for individuals to the federal minimum of \$830 per month, a \$15-per-month cut. This proposal would reduce monthly payments for 930,000 SSI/SSP recipients and cause approximately 8,780 SSI/SSP recipients who receive small grants to lose their entire grant, resulting in state savings of \$191.5 million.¹ In addition, the Governor proposes to eliminate the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) for state savings of \$115.4 million. CAPI is projected to provide state-funded cash assistance to approximately 10,890 legal immigrants who are not eligible for SSI/SSP payments due to their immigration status in 2010-11.² The Governor assumes that both of these reductions would be implemented on June 1, 2010, thereby cutting grants for nearly 950,000 vulnerable Californians by a total of \$306.9 million between June 2010 and June 2011.

State policymakers cut SSI/SSP and CAPI grants three times during 2009. The maximum monthly SSI/SSP grant for individuals was reduced from \$907 to \$845, and the maximum monthly SSI/SSP grant for couples was reduced from \$1,579 to \$1,407.³ The SSI/SSP grant for couples is now at the minimum level required by federal law and therefore cannot be cut further. SSI/SSP grants are funded with both state and federal dollars, while CAPI grants are funded solely with state dollars.

¹ This savings estimate includes 88 individuals who receive grants through the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) and would lose their entire grant under this proposal, irrespective of the Governor's separate proposal to eliminate CAPI. However, these recipients are not reflected in the table below because the Department of Social Services (DSS) was not able to provide information on the distribution of CAPI recipients by zip code. Therefore, the CBP could not estimate the number of CAPI recipients who would be affected by this proposal in each legislative district.

² As noted previously, the DSS was not able to provide information on the distribution of CAPI recipients by zip code. Therefore, the CBP could not estimate the number of CAPI recipients who would be affected by this proposal in each legislative district.

³ CAPI payments are equivalent to SSI/SSP payments, less \$10 per month for individuals and \$20 per month for couples.

**Estimated Impact of Governor's Proposal To Reduce SSI/SSP Grants for Individuals
by Senate District, June 2010 Through June 2011**

Senate District	Senator	Number of SSI/SSP Recipients Whose Grant Would Be Reduced	Number of SSI/SSP Recipients Who Would Lose Entire Grant	Total Loss of Funds
1	Cox	17,960	170	\$3,699,000
2	Wiggins	24,730	230	\$5,093,000
3	Leno	26,930	250	\$5,546,000
4	Aanestad	33,690	320	\$6,939,000
5	Wolk	26,900	250	\$5,540,000
6	Steinberg	36,800	350	\$7,578,000
7	DeSaulnier	15,780	150	\$3,250,000
8	Yee	16,870	160	\$3,475,000
9	Hancock	28,450	270	\$5,859,000
10	Corbett	18,920	180	\$3,896,000
11	Simitian	11,250	110	\$2,317,000
12	Denham	25,110	240	\$5,171,000
13	Alquist	18,660	180	\$3,842,000
14	Cogdill	29,010	270	\$5,974,000
15	Maldonado	14,310	140	\$2,947,000
16	Florez	32,450	310	\$6,683,000
17	Runner	28,870	270	\$5,946,000
18	Ashburn	33,210	310	\$6,840,000
19	Strickland	11,900	110	\$2,450,000
20	Padilla	23,590	220	\$4,858,000
21	Liu	28,110	270	\$5,788,000
22	Cedillo	32,050	300	\$6,602,000
23	Pavley	17,820	170	\$3,670,000
24	Romero	28,130	270	\$5,793,000
25	Wright	33,100	310	\$6,816,000
26	Price	39,760	380	\$8,189,000
27	Lowenthal	24,110	230	\$4,966,000
28	Oropeza	16,430	160	\$3,383,000
29	Huff	14,060	130	\$2,896,000
30	Calderon	23,580	220	\$4,856,000
31	Dutton	22,070	210	\$4,545,000
32	Negrete McLeod	28,010	260	\$5,769,000
33	Walters	10,310	100	\$2,124,000
34	Correa	20,850	200	\$4,294,000
35	Harman	12,580	120	\$2,590,000
36	Hollingsworth	16,530	160	\$3,405,000
37	Vacancy	25,210	240	\$5,192,000
38	Wyland	10,850	100	\$2,234,000
39	Kehoe	20,580	190	\$4,239,000
40	Ducheny	30,460	290	\$6,274,000
	Total	930,000	8,780	\$191,531,000

**Estimated Impact of Governor's Proposal To Reduce SSI/SSP Grants for Individuals
by Assembly District, June 2010 Through June 2011**

Assembly District	Assemblymember	Number of SSI/SSP Recipients Whose Grant Would Be Reduced	Number of SSI/SSP Recipients Who Would Lose Entire Grant	Total Loss of Funds
1	Chesbro	16,610	160	\$3,420,000
2	Nielsen	18,210	170	\$3,750,000
3	Logue	14,920	140	\$3,073,000
4	Gaines	8,880	80	\$1,829,000
5	Niello	12,270	120	\$2,526,000
6	Huffman	5,690	50	\$1,171,000
7	Evans	10,030	90	\$2,066,000
8	Yamada	8,510	80	\$1,752,000
9	Jones	21,270	200	\$4,380,000
10	Huber	12,030	110	\$2,477,000
11	Torlakson	10,770	100	\$2,218,000
12	Ma	11,350	110	\$2,337,000
13	Ammiano	21,080	200	\$4,342,000
14	Skinner	9,850	90	\$2,029,000
15	Buchanan	7,560	70	\$1,556,000
16	Swanson	17,590	170	\$3,622,000
17	Galgiani	16,610	160	\$3,421,000
18	Hayashi	10,370	100	\$2,135,000
19	Hill	5,470	50	\$1,127,000
20	Torrico	8,330	80	\$1,716,000
21	Ruskin	4,150	40	\$855,000
22	Fong	5,840	60	\$1,202,000
23	Coto	12,160	110	\$2,505,000
24	Beall	7,440	70	\$1,532,000
25	T. Berryhill	12,680	120	\$2,612,000
26	B. Berryhill	16,720	160	\$3,444,000
27	Monning	6,690	60	\$1,378,000
28	Caballero	8,420	80	\$1,733,000
29	Villines	13,620	130	\$2,805,000
30	Gilmore	15,560	150	\$3,204,000
31	Arambula	18,210	170	\$3,750,000
32	Fuller	16,090	150	\$3,313,000
33	Blakeslee	8,940	80	\$1,841,000
34	Conway	15,390	150	\$3,169,000
35	Nava	7,350	70	\$1,513,000
36	Knight	19,170	180	\$3,948,000
37	Strickland	5,920	60	\$1,220,000
38	Smyth	7,920	70	\$1,632,000
39	Fuentes	11,470	110	\$2,363,000
40	Blumenfield	11,940	110	\$2,459,000
41	Brownley	8,490	80	\$1,748,000
42	Feuer	10,470	100	\$2,156,000
43	Vacancy	15,310	140	\$3,153,000
44	Portantino	11,740	110	\$2,417,000

**Estimated Impact of Governor's Proposal To Reduce SSI/SSP Grants for Individuals
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Assembly District	Assemblymember	Number of SSI/SSP Recipients Whose Grant Would Be Reduced	Number of SSI/SSP Recipients Who Would Lose Entire Grant	Total Loss of Funds
45	de León	16,410	150	\$3,380,000
46	J. Pérez	19,120	180	\$3,939,000
47	Bass	15,570	150	\$3,206,000
48	Davis	19,980	190	\$4,115,000
49	Eng	15,430	150	\$3,179,000
50	De La Torre	12,800	120	\$2,637,000
51	Bradford	14,000	130	\$2,883,000
52	Hall	19,390	180	\$3,993,000
53	Lieu	5,930	60	\$1,221,000
54	Lowenthal	10,640	100	\$2,191,000
55	Furutani	14,060	130	\$2,896,000
56	Mendoza	9,890	90	\$2,036,000
57	Hernandez	12,010	110	\$2,473,000
58	Calderon	11,700	110	\$2,410,000
59	Adams	11,730	110	\$2,417,000
60	Hagman	5,960	60	\$1,226,000
61	Torres	10,910	100	\$2,247,000
62	Carter	15,720	150	\$3,237,000
63	Emmerson	10,740	100	\$2,212,000
64	Nestande	11,960	110	\$2,463,000
65	Cook	15,810	150	\$3,256,000
66	Jeffries	8,420	80	\$1,733,000
67	Silva	6,940	70	\$1,428,000
68	Tran	11,700	110	\$2,409,000
69	Solorio	9,030	90	\$1,859,000
70	DeVore	4,420	40	\$911,000
71	Miller	5,680	50	\$1,170,000
72	Norby	7,170	70	\$1,477,000
73	Harkey	4,320	40	\$890,000
74	Garrick	4,940	50	\$1,017,000
75	Fletcher	5,660	50	\$1,166,000
76	Saldaña	9,750	90	\$2,007,000
77	Anderson	9,500	90	\$1,956,000
78	Block	12,840	120	\$2,645,000
79	Salas	15,160	140	\$3,123,000
80	V. Pérez	15,660	150	\$3,225,000
	Total	930,000	8,780	\$191,531,000

Note: Estimates of the total number of recipients whose grant would be reduced or eliminated come from the Department of Social Services (DSS). Total loss of funds reflects the aggregate grant loss to SSI/SSP recipients between June 2010 and June 2011 as estimated by the DSS. Legislative district estimates reflect aggregated zip code data and are based on each district's share of the total number of SSI/SSP recipients, excluding couples, in October 2009. Estimates of affected recipients are rounded to the nearest 10, and estimates of loss of funds are rounded to the nearest 1,000. Legislative district estimates may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Source: CBP analysis of Department of Social Services and US Social Security Administration data