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Statement: Jean Ross on the Governor's Proposed 2012-13 Budget

Today, Governor Jerry Brown released his Proposed 2012-13 Budget. In response, Jean Ross, executive director of the California Budget Project, a nonpartisan public policy research group, released the following statement:

"The Governor's Proposed Budget shows why it is essential for California voters to approve a tax plan that provides significant new revenues that help close the budget gap. Absent revenues that close this serious gap, we are looking at further cuts to the public structures, from schools to public safety, that millions of state residents rely on.

"The Proposed Budget includes major reductions in a number of critical areas, especially support for low- and middle-income Californians who need health coverage, child care, help in moving from welfare to work, or help financing a college education. Still, the Governor should be commended for a balanced approach that calls for new revenue, instead of taking a cuts-only approach to addressing the state's fiscal challenges."

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