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## THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED CUTS TO THE SSI/SSP PROGRAM AND CAPI WOULD AFFECT 1.3 MILLION LOW-INCOME 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 October 1, 2009, which would eliminate \$260.3 million in payments through June 2010 to 1.3 million vulnerable Californians – including approximately 18,000 SSI/SSP recipients who would become ineligible and lose their entire grant. This grant cut would be in addition to a reduction that took effect on May 1, 2009, and a second SSI/SSP grant cut scheduled for July 1, 2009, both of which were included in the February 2009 budget agreement. In addition, the Governor proposes to eliminate the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI), which provides state-funded cash assistance to elderly and/or disabled legal immigrants who are not eligible for SSI/SSP payments due to their immigration status. Eliminating CAPI would generate state savings of \$85.8 million between October 2009 and June 2010 and affect an estimated 12,800 Californians.

Estimated Impact of Governor's May Revision Proposals To Reduce SSI/SSP Grants to the Federal Minimum 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	55,100	\$20,276,000	Orange	71,570	\$17,566,000
Alpine	40	\$8,000	Placer	5,340	\$1,218,000
Amador	680	\$121,000	Plumas	770	\$137,000
Butte	11,560	\$2,308,000	Riverside	56,450	\$11,607,000
Calaveras	1,110	\$203,000	Sacramento	63,790	\$18,829,000
Colusa	630	\$100,000	San Benito	970	\$267,000
Contra Costa	25,840	\$7,212,000	San Bernardino	68,980	\$14,267,000
Del Norte	2,140	\$460,000	San Diego	85,510	\$18,528,000
El Dorado	3,090	\$627,000	San Francisco	48,860	\$15,862,000
Fresno	43,020	\$9,886,000	San Joaquin	29,490	\$6,568,000
Glenn	1,260	\$226,000	San Luis Obispo	5,510	\$1,308,000
Humboldt	7,390	\$1,566,000	San Mateo	14,040	\$4,905,000
Imperial	10,930	\$1,931,000	Santa Barbara	10,270	\$2,022,000
Inyo	490	\$87,000	Santa Clara	49,360	\$15,785,000
Kern	34,060	\$6,800,000	Santa Cruz	6,100	\$1,132,000
Kings	5,020	\$978,000	Shasta	10,030	\$1,992,000
Lake	3,920	\$744,000	Sierra	100	\$19,000
Lassen	1,080	\$207,000	Siskiyou	2,740	\$521,000
Los Angeles	425,310	\$127,797,000	Solano	12,270	\$3,437,000
Madera	5,050	\$956,000	Sonoma	10,200	\$2,307,000
Marin	3,980	\$969,000	Stanislaus	21,700	\$5,456,000

County	Number of Recipients Affected	Loss of Funds	County	Number of Recipients Affected	Loss of Funds
Mariposa	630	\$120,000	Sutter	3,890	\$791,000
Mendocino	4,120	\$800,000	Tehama	3,510	\$702,000
Merced	11,330	\$2,446,000	Trinity	820	\$154,000
Modoc	500	\$94,000	Tulare	19,710	\$3,909,000
Mono	100	\$30,000	Tuolumne	1,810	\$338,000
Monterey	9,710	\$1,847,000	Ventura	17,120	\$4,194,000
Napa	2,470	\$493,000	Yolo	5,680	\$1,620,000
Nevada	2,010	\$401,000	Yuba	4,170	\$926,000
			<b>Total</b>	<b>1,303,310</b>	<b>\$346,059,000</b>

Note: Total number of recipients affected reflects the 2009-10 average monthly SSI/SSP and CAPI caseloads as projected by the Department of Social Services (DSS). Total loss of funds reflects the aggregate grant loss to SSI/SSP and CAPI recipients in 2009-10, as estimated by the DSS, under the Governor's proposals to reduce SSI/SSP grants to the minimum level required by federal law and to eliminate CAPI, both of which would take effect on October 1, 2009. County estimates of affected recipients include both SSI/SSP recipients and, where applicable, CAPI recipients. SSI/SSP county estimates are based on each county's share of the SSI/SSP caseload and payments in December 2008, and CAPI county estimates are based on each county's share of the three-month average statewide CAPI caseload for January, February, and March 2009, the most recent months for which these data are available. 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 may not sum to totals due to rounding.

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