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Schwarzenegger's Furlough: Schwarzenegger's Fiasco

Unable to achieve a reasonable budget solution, Gov. Schwarzenegger is once again targeting state employees, by ordering yet another day of mandatory furloughs. As California taxpayers, members of AFSCME 2620 recognize the urgent need to resolve California's budget crisis, but Schwarzenegger's reckless furlough order will only make the problem worse.

The following statement is a response from Nancy Swindell, President AFSCME 2620:

"Schwarzenegger's Furlough Friday order should be renamed 'Schwarzenegger's Furlough Fiasco,' because that will be the result. Furloughing state employees, who provide critical, life saving services, will only accelerate California's financial freefall. Reducing the amount of time state employees can spend working to reduce crime and keep child care centers safe, puts California communities on a direct path toward disintegration, not stabilization."

"Ordering additional furloughs is an admission of failure, at a time when California needs strong leadership the most."

AFSCME 2620 represents nearly 5,000 highly trained, educated professionals working in the mental health, healthcare and social services fields. AFSCME 2620 members provide a range of state services including adoption placement, psychological treatment, day care and senior care home inspections, and vocational rehabilitation counseling that helps disabled Californians find successful employment.

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