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***Proposed Budget Cuts Lead California in the Wrong Direction
Short-Term Budget Gimmicks Will Provoke More Chaos and
Dysfunction***

The following statement is a response from Steve Shanahan, AFSCME 2620 President, regarding Governor Schwarzenegger's May Budget Revision released today Friday May 14, 2010.

"Governor Schwarzenegger is leading California in the wrong direction once again--arbitrarily slashing state worker compensation and cutting critical social service programs. These cuts are short-term budget gimmicks that will only provoke long-term chaos and dysfunction,"

"Our members are the people who assess potential danger among mentally ill offenders to evaluate them for release, our vocational rehab counselors help people retool for much needed jobs, and our licensing investigators protect all of our kids in day care centers. Are these the people who should be carrying the Governor's budget solutions on their backs? These cuts are beyond mean spirited--they are dangerous, irrational and foolish."

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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