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State Workers Should Be Part of the Budget Solution – Not Budget Scapegoats

Today Gov. Schwarzenegger renewed his call for an additional state worker pay cut of 5%. When added to the 9.3 % pay reduction state employees already received earlier this year through mandatory furloughs, Schwarzenegger's new demand would amount to a 14.3% salary cut.

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

“Schwarzenegger argues that all Californians need to sacrifice to solve the state budget. As concerned citizens and taxpayers ourselves, AFSCME 2620 members agree that the sacrifice must be shared, and that's what we're doing.

“To suggest state workers are not doing their part is disingenuous at best. We have already been hit with a 9.3 % pay cut through mandatory furloughs. Demanding an additional 5% is not a reasonable request.”

“We are eager to be part of the budget solution, but we're unwilling to be Schwarzenegger's budget scapegoat.”

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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