



Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

Lately, you have urged California's policy makers to do what is best for the children of California. I agree that one of the most critical criteria for making policy and budget decisions should be what's best for children. For that reason, I support increasing state revenue because this is the child-friendly and balanced solution to address our ongoing budget shortfall.

Children deserve to have quality education, access to health care, child care and programs that protect their families against poverty and hunger. The State plays a pivotal role in providing these services and protecting vulnerable children. If we continue to use only cuts to solve our budget problems, without any consideration for revenue options, we do our children a grave disservice. That course inevitably pits important children's programs against each other for funding and ignores the critical relationship between programs that serve many of the same children.

Various proposals to increase revenues – raising the top income tax brackets and closing abusive individual and corporate tax loopholes – have been considered by the Legislature recently. I would support these options as well as eliminating some of the tax cuts of the last decade and updating our tax system to reflect our changing economy. Implementing one or more of these options would decrease the need to look to children's programs for significant budget cuts.

California's children need a responsible budget that does not pit their needs against one another and that makes their wellbeing the priority. You play the hero in movies, now you have an opportunity to be a real hero to California's children. Please support increased revenues.

Sincerely,

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Signature

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