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CAL-TAX APPLAUDS GOVERNOR'S NO-NEW-TAXES PLAN FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND ATTACK ON WASTEFUL SPENDING

Sacramento – Larry McCarthy, president of the California Taxpayers' Association, issued the following statement in reaction to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's State of the State address:

ECONOMIC RECOVERY WITHOUT HIGHER TAXES

“First and foremost, the governor reiterates his strong opposition to higher taxes because he recognizes that new taxes would undercut California's economic recovery. He clearly understands that raising taxes will kill jobs. He connected for California voters the importance of approval of economic recovery bonds and the constitutional balanced budget amendment on the March ballot.”

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“Taxpayers also applaud the governor's leadership in challenging out-of-control spending with concentrated performance review. There is tremendous need for the fundamental reform he promises. Millions of dollars are wasted by inefficient and overlapping government agencies, and the time to do something about it is long overdue.

“Waste and fraud in government have cost taxpayers billions of dollars – more than \$10 billion stolen over the past five years by crooked providers of health services for the poor – according to investigative reporting in the California media and government audits.” (Note: Dozens of examples of waste and fraud in government spending have been compiled by Cal-Tax and can be found at [Waste and Fraud in Public Spending](#).)

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