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California Taxpayers' Association President Issues Statement on State Budget Proposal

SACRAMENTO – California Taxpayers' Association President Teresa Casazza released the following statement today regarding the governor's budget proposal:

"The governor is right to focus on closing the state's structural deficit without new taxes. Economic recovery and job creation should be the focus of every piece of legislation this year, starting with the budget bill, and tax increases would simply stall the recovery and reduce job opportunities in this state.

"We welcome the governor's efforts to cut the cost of keeping convicted felons behind bars, and to address the unsustainable, skyrocketing cost of government pensions.

"We are concerned, however, that enacting an untested business net receipts tax could exacerbate budget problems by increasing the uncertainty of the state's revenue stream.

"California appears to be on the cusp of economic recovery, as long as our elected officials focus on improving job opportunities and don't stop the recovery dead in its tracks by raising taxes again."

The California Taxpayers' Association is a non-partisan, non-profit organization founded in 1926 to fight for taxpayers' rights, guard against unnecessary taxation and promote government efficiency.

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