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Westly Decries Vetoes

SACRAMENTO – State Controller Steve Westly today issued the following statement regarding Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger’s veto of several bills dealing with tax cheats:

“Instead of raising taxes or gutting schools and other services to balance the budget, we should be going after the \$6.5 billion the state fails to collect each year,” Westly said. “Governor Schwarzenegger's veto is a serious step in the wrong direction.”

“I'm proud that the legislature passed the toughest anti-tax cheat laws in the country,” he added.

The state's current tax collection programs have brought more than \$3.5 billion to the state budget, making more funds available for schools, roads, parks and other services without raising a nickel in taxes.

Controller Westly is available for comment. Please call the number above to schedule an interview.

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