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## Chiang Comments on Signing of Bill to Notify IHSS Workers of Available Tax Credits

**SACRAMENTO** – State Controller John Chiang today released the following statement on the Governor’s signing of AB 836, which was authored by Assembly Majority Leader Karen Bass and co-sponsored by the Controller. The bill provides for the Controller to include notices on paychecks to In-Home Supportive Services workers of the availability of the Earned Income Tax Credit between the January and April tax filing season:

“Last year, nearly 460,000 California families who are struggling or have transitioned off welfare did not claim the Earned Income Tax Credit on their federal taxes.

“These families missed out on \$850 million in refunds because they didn’t know about it, thought they didn’t earn enough, or thought they would miss out on other benefits.

“In-Home Supportive Service providers are vital to the health and well being of hundreds of thousands of Californians. We owe it to hard-working Californians to help them identify every possible tax deduction and credit so they are not leaving thousands of dollars on the table each year.

“By placing a short notice on all paychecks mailed to In-Home Supportive Services providers, we will encourage them to take advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit and improve participation in this important federal program.”

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