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Chiang Issues Statement on Governor's Executive Order Requiring State Employee Furloughs and Layoffs

SACRAMENTO – Controller John Chiang today issued the following statement in response to Governor Schwarzenegger's executive order to implement furloughs and layoffs:

"This is one of many painful results stemming from the inability of the Governor and Legislature to agree on responsible solutions to our chronic fiscal crisis, and more painful realities are on their way. It is clear that the Governor's executive order would hurt public servants, and in turn adversely impact our economy and slow its recovery.

"I await the Department of Personnel Administration's plan on how to implement this executive order. The only hope for reversing our financial course is for the Governor and Legislature to work together to enact a balanced budget that stops us from running out of cash in late February."

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