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WESTLY SUPPORTS VLF BACKFILL

Sacramento, CA – State Controller Steve Westly today issued the following statement in response to the Governor’s decision regarding restoration of the Vehicle License Fee backfill for local governments.

“Our police officers and firefighters must not be held hostage,” Westly said. “This is an appropriate but temporary solution. The Governor and Legislature now have six months to cut waste and solve California’s fiscal crisis.”

“The State has a legal obligation to continue the backfill and to ensure that local governments are kept whole. The Administration’s proposal accomplishes this legal objective through the end of this fiscal year,” said Rick Chivaro, Chief Counsel to the State Controller’s Office.

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