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Westly Statement on Gov. Support for Troops on Border

SACRAMENTO – State Controller Steve Westly made the following statement in response to the Governor’s support for troops along the California-Mexico border:

“I support more enforcement to secure our borders, consistent with my support of the Kennedy-McCain bill.

“Militarizing the border is the wrong approach. Putting troops on the border is a political response, not a real solution.

“California is constantly threatened by wildfires, earthquakes, levee breaches and other natural disasters. Our National Guard is already stretched thin because of the war in Iraq. Our troops cannot be stretched any further.

“Governor Schwarzenegger’s failure to stand up to President Bush is putting Californians at risk.”

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