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## **Westly Statement on Gov. Sending Troops to Border**

**SACRAMENTO** – State Controller Steve Westly made the following statement in response to Governor Schwarzenegger’s decision to send California National Guard troops to the Mexican border:

“California’s governor should be willing to stand up to President Bush, especially when he’s playing politics with our troops. The Bush-Schwarzenegger militarization plan isn’t a real solution; it’s a political ploy.

“California is always at risk from wildfires, earthquakes, levee failures and other disasters. The war in Iraq is already testing the limits of our National Guard. Governor Schwarzenegger’s making a political deal with President Bush that will put California at risk.

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

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