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CSAC Responds to Proposed Sales Tax Relief Program

SACRAMENTO – *California State Association of Counties (CSAC) issues the following statement regarding Governor Newsom’s sales tax relief announcement on April 2, 2020.*

It’s unclear how this proposal will be implemented, but it simply cannot occur in a manner that redirects county funding and erodes the very services most in need. Counties rely on sales tax revenue from the state to fund many of the very programs designed to help individuals cope with the economic fallout of the COVID-19 crisis, such as CalWORKs and Behavioral Health programs.

Counties are using all available funds to address the COVID-19 pandemic and continue core services. Counties are already facing dire cash flow challenges due to COVID-19 costs to protect communities and cannot absorb a significant loss of sales tax revenue that would directly impact funding for public safety, public health and behavioral health services.

California State Association of Counties (CSAC) is the voice of California’s 58 counties at the state and federal level.

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