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Oil Severance Tax is Bad for California

Multi-billion dollar budget surplus; no need for new taxes

(SACRAMENTO)—Californians Against Higher Taxes spokesperson Beth Miller issued the following statement in response to the new oil severance tax, SB 1017, introduced by Noreen Evans (D-Santa Rosa):

“Governor Brown has been very clear: now is the time for fiscal restraint and government efficiency. But Senator Evans clearly isn’t listening. Instead she is focused on raising taxes on hard-working Californians and creating a huge new, unaccountable government bureaucracy.

“SB 1017 promotes an oil severance tax Governor Brown has already said he does not support and voters have no appetite for. Just two years ago, voters approved more than \$6 billion in higher taxes and earlier this year the governor announced the state had a \$4 billion budget surplus. Voters want Sacramento politicians to hold the line on taxes and work to make government work better and smarter – not create more government and taxes.

“Now is not the time for new taxes or more government. It’s time for Senator Evans to listen to the people of California and follow the Governor’s lead.”