

CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL SUPERVISORS ORGANIZATION

June 30, 2009 - Weekly Update

Budget Deadline - Third Furlough Day:

If California legislators do not sign the Budget by 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2009 the State will issue IOUs to contractors, vendors, local governments and taxpayers expecting refunds. The Governor has stated he will force 220,000 state workers to take a third unpaid day off beginning July; and the state will forfeit more than \$3 billion in budget savings through cuts to education that had to be made in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. The Governor said, "I will veto any majority vote tax increase bill that punishes taxpayers for Sacramento's failure to live within its means."

Please note that State employees, will not receive IOUs as pay because the courts in 1992 found IOUs violated labor laws. The state also must continue making regular payments to state employee pension plans.

CCSO is acting and researching many different options to stop this financial drain on CDCR state employees. We are meeting with DPA, the Governor's representatives, and California legislators.

CCSO has joined SEIU in several protests at the Capitol and will continue to work with any and all State labor groups fighting these reductions affecting state employees.

This is the time to stay united and focused on the problem at hand. We welcome input from CCSO members and will apprise you of changes as they occur.

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California Legislators
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Letter sent by State Board Member/Law Enforcement Liaison Lt. Chris Gold to California Legislators. The letter was hand delivered to legislators by Paul Curry, CCSO Lobbyist.

Dear California Senators and Assembly Members:

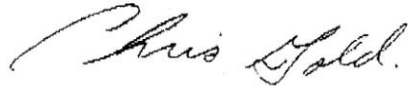
The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), under the direction of the Governor's Office announced the impending additional third furlough day for all EMPLOYEES STATEWIDE.

The single most critical aspect of this **furlough program** (salary cut) is the compromise of **safety and security** to California's general public in which we have sworn an oath to protect. The same public sector that is the voting constituents within your own districts. An additional furlough day puts the staff and the inmate population at an extreme risk with the loss of staff on duty, to adequately provide security within the prison system. Inadequate prison security, in turn, puts the public at risk creating a greater potential of inmate escapes and riots.

As the California Correctional Supervisors Organization's (CCSO) State Board Member and Law Enforcement Liaison, I am bringing this issue to the forefront for your immediate action and intervention. Failure to take action may result in the loss of life as well as harm in California communities. We must stop working in the reaction mode after the fact, and take a proactive approach to this issue.

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation needs an immediate “Exemption” to the furlough program. Indeed, California must cut costs but not at the risk of life and limb. Cut upper management positions that have grown over the last five years, cut the repetitive audits and compliance regulations, cut the unessential inmate programs, cut state travel and utilize telephonic and video conferencing, cut the waste, but keep staff employed to secure our prisons.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Gold".

Chris Gold
CCSO State Board Member/Law Enforcement Liaison

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