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DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?

Dear Friends of CalCAP,

I need your help, and so do the people of California. If you are willing to share just a minute of your time, you can make a big difference in the future of California.

First, I would like you to contact Governor Schwarzenegger today and ask him to **Veto AB 605** —free samples of alcohol at grocery stores **and SB 1072** —betting on losing horses (there are more details on page two). These bills are currently on his desk awaiting his final decision.

Second, I want you to exercise your right to vote on November 2nd and **Vote “NO” on Proposition 19**, the proposition that seeks to legalize marijuana for recreational purposes (some reasons

for our opposition are identified on page three).

Finally, I want you to consider supporting the California Council on Alcohol Problems with your gifts and prayers.

I know that we live in hectic times. We are all very busy, and wonder how we will get everything done that we need to do. I know that we live in difficult and uncertain financial times, and are concerned about our families and future. I also know that people of faith and churches are called to influence our society and make a difference. It can be done.

Do you have a minute?

Rev. James Butler
Executive Director

CONTACT THE GOVERNOR TODAY

The following information will assist you in contacting Governor Schwarzenegger.

Phone: 916-445-2841

Fax: 916-558-3160

E-mail: Use the Governor’s site at www.gov.ca.gov/interact#email

Enter your name and e-mail address, click submit and then you

will have the opportunity to enter the bill number and comments.

Mailing Address:

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

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It is important and easy to be involved. Contact the Governor today.

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VETO SB 1072 — EXCHANGE WAGERING

Please use the contact information on the front page to ask the Governor to Veto SB 1072 (Calderon). Below are excerpts of our Veto Request we sent to the Governor:

The *California Coalition Against Gambling Expansion* requests your veto of SB 1072 (Calderon).

1. No state in the U.S. allows the type of betting authorized by this bill, which will allow for the betting on a losing horse.
2. This may be an illegal delegation of power and responsibility by the Legislature, because “Exchange wagering” is not well defined in this hastily drafted bill, leaving policy-making decisions to the Horseracing Board.

3. Passing this bill in the final two days of the Legislative Session did not allow for public hearings, discussions and input. This is a travesty of the legislative process, and indicative of the lack of genuine merit for this proposal.

For these and many other unstated reasons, we strongly request a VETO of SB 1072. Thank you.

For more information on SB 1072 visit the California Coalition Against Gambling Expansion web site at www.ccage.org.

VETO AB 605 — TASTING/CONSUMPTION EVENTS

Please use the contact information on page one to ask the Governor to Veto AB 605 (Portantino). This measure seeks to legalize consumption of alcoholic products at every grocery, “big box”, and liquor store in California! Below are portions of our Veto Request we sent to the Governor:

Here are several reasons to veto this irresponsible legislation:

- This bill will dramatically alter the category of “off-sale” premise licenses, by allowing consumption of alcohol at these premises (grocery, “big box”, and liquor stores) on a large scale.
- This bill was “gutted-and-amended” (last minute changes) and has become a bonanza for the alcohol industry lobby. It will set a national benchmark for such “tastings” (free samples) events.
- This bill will limit local government control regarding these alcohol give-a-ways, including location, duration, frequency, and other local regulations.
- Under the guise of “tasting events.” this radical and extremely provocative bill will completely transform our local groceries and communities.

Please do not convert our community markets into bars. Please veto AB 605.

For more information visit our web site at www.calcap.org.

VOTE “NO” ON PROPOSITION 19

On November 2, 2010, the voters of California will be able to **VOTE “NO” on Prop. 19** and stop the effort to legalize the recreational use of marijuana in our state. Between now and then, supporters of this Proposition will try to persuade voters that Legalizing Marijuana is good for California. Below are some factual reasons to **VOTE “NO” on Proposition 19.**

Marijuana is Harmful

Studies show that there are both physical and psychological ramifications associated with marijuana use, including, but not limited to:

- Impaired attention, coordination, memory and learning ability.
- An increase in heart rate, anxiety, panic attacks, depression and other mental health problems;
- Increase thoughts of suicide;
- Increases in the risk of cancer of the head, neck, lungs and respiratory tract; and
- Regular use is associated with automobile, household and occupational accidents, resulting in harm to the user and to others.

A Swedish study shows a link between marijuana use and a higher risk of developing schizophrenia.

Marijuana is Addictive

- Marijuana is addictive to 9 percent of people who begin smoking at 18 years or older. Withdrawal symptoms - irritability, anxiety, sleep disturbances - often contribute to relapse.
- Because adolescent brains are still developing, marijuana use before 18 results in higher rates of addiction - up to 17 percent within two years - and disruption to an individual's life. The younger the use, the greater the risk.

Marijuana Use Will Increase

- Prop. 19 may produce a 58 percent increase in annual marijuana consumption in California; according to a Rand Corp. study.
- The number of individuals meeting clinical criteria for marijuana abuse or dependence will rise by 305,000, to a total of 830,000.

Proposition 19 is Bad Economics

- Proposition 19 allows counties to choose the rates at which they will tax marijuana. Therefore, true estimates of revenue under Prop. 19 don't exist. — Legislative Analyst's Office:
- Any locally imposed taxes on Marijuana are legally uncollectible, because Marijuana still remains illegal under federal law.—Case law .
- Increased addiction and resulting treatment costs will outweigh any potential revenue.

We do not want or need another inebriant in our society. This is not what churches and people of faith should be promoting. Drug use is damaging to youth, families and communities. Prop. 19 is ill conceived, badly written and creates significant health and safety problems. Do not be deceived.

There are more than 38 Million Reasons (the population of California) to take a minute and

VOTE “NO” on PROPOSITION 19.

For more information on Proposition 19 visit the Alcohol-Narcotic Education Foundation of California web site, at www.anefca.org .





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OUR TASK AND MISSION

The CalCAP family, which includes the California Council on Alcohol Problems (CalCAP), the Alcohol-Narcotic Education Foundation of California (ANEF) and the California Coalition Against Gambling Expansion (CCAGE), is a statewide, faith based organization that seeks to prevent the moral, economic, scientific and social problems caused by alcohol and gambling. This is done through research, education, advocacy and lobbying. Thus, we raise the awareness of these problems among the people, and address the legislature regarding alcohol and gambling issues.

We are funded entirely by gifts from denominations, churches, church groups and individuals. We do not receive any financial support from any governmental agency or political party.

If you would like to be part of our information network, arrange for a program or preaching date, or support our work through-out California, please contact our Executive Director, the Rev. James Butler, or our Sacramento office, at 916 / 441-1844 or calcap@calcap.org. Our Mailing address is 803 Vallejo Way, Sacramento CA 95818.

Because CalCAP is involved in lobbying efforts, donations to CalCAP are not tax-deductible.

Donations to ANEF are tax-deductible.

NATIONAL MEETING ON PREVENTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

The American Council on Alcohol Problems (ACAP) will be holding their annual meeting in Sacramento September 28-29. Because ACAP is a national organization, there will be representatives from around the country. The theme for this year's meeting is "Prevention —The Answer," and will feature a number of interesting and informative speakers. These presentations are open to the public at no cost, and provide a unique opportunity to become better informed regarding the issues of alcohol and prevention.

Among the speakers will be:

- Dr. Robert Saltz, on college drinking and prevention programs;
- Steve Ernst, from the state of California Alcoholic Beverage Control Board;
- Dr. Jim Kooler and youth from Friday Night Live Partnership, a youth program aimed at

preventing underage drinking;

- Representatives from the Marin Institute; an alcohol industry watchdog;
- Teresa Anderson, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder prevention programs;
- Judy Walsh-Jackson, Coalition Building; and
- Fred Jones, the Legislative Advocate for the California Council on Alcohol Problems.

This meeting will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at 1300 N Street (across the street from the Capitol). This meeting is open to the public, so you are invited, and I hope that many of you will choose to attend at least some of the meeting.

If you have questions or want more details, call Rev. Butler at the CalCap office, 916.441.1844 or go to our web site, www.calcap.org.