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MEDIA ALERT

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RALLY: Thursday, February 10

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, FAMILIES RALLY AGAINST FURTHER CA BUDGET CUTS

*Hundreds of Community Members Expected to Protest
Additional \$750 Million Funding Cut to Developmental Services*

PHOTO AND INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY:

The Senate will hold its budget hearing February 10 in Sacramento to vote on the Governor's proposed \$750 million reduction to developmental services this year. On the same day in Los Angeles individuals and families will rally in front of the State Office Building in Van Nuys to share how these cuts have, and will, impact their lives. The proposed cuts mean a reduction of *\$1 billion* over two years – *a reduction of more than 25% of all dollars devoted to people with developmental disabilities in our state.*

WHO: People with disabilities, their families, community members and a coalition of disabilities service agencies: Tierra del Sol, New Horizons, Easter Seals Southern California, Villa Esperanza Services, Path Point, Exceptional Children's Foundation, Jay Nolan Community Services, C.L.I.M.B., United Cerebral Palsy (UCP), Valley Village, Ability First, Arriba, Lincoln Training Center, Therapeutic Living Centers for the Blind (TLC) and Disability Rights California.

WHAT: Rally against further cuts in state funding for developmental disability services.

WHEN: Thursday, February 10, 2011
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

WHERE: Van Nuys State Office Building (in front)
6150 Van Nuys Blvd.
Van Nuys, CA 91401

WHY: To give hundreds of people with disabilities and their family members a voice against further severe cuts to their essential support services.

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