

Campaign to Save California Homecare  
Member to Member Phone Rap

Hi, is \_\_\_\_\_ home? Hi, this is \_\_\_\_\_ - I'm a member of SEIU, the Homecare workers union. How are you? Are you still working as a homecare provider? *(If "Yes" you can say "Me too!")*

(if "YES") Great! I'm glad I found you - I've got news about our wages.

***Did you hear what the Governor wants to do with the IHSS program?***

(If "YES" or "NO") Well, this year we had our toughest budget fight ever. The Governor tried to cut IHSS - but thanks to homecare workers like us who fought back - we saved the program and got him to sign the budget with NO CUTS TO HOMECARE!

***What do you think? Isn't that great?***

Yeah - that was September - **BUT**, on October 21<sup>st</sup> - less than a month after he signed it - Schwarzenegger announced an \$11 billion hole in the budget! *(make sure they understand that he "over-spent" or "charged over his limit")*. Then to try and fix his mess - he called an emergency session of the legislature on Nov. 5...

***...and guess where he wants to get \$118 million of that money from?!***

Right! - From *us*! He wants to cut back our hours and roll back our pay to minimum wage!!!!

***Do you think that's right?***

***What do you think we should do about it? (listen, see what they have to say)***

***Do you think homecare workers should come together and fight the Governor?***

Great!! That's our plan. All homecare workers across the state are uniting to fight back by:

1. Uniting all 230,000 homecare and nursing home workers into one strong union

*(So we have the numbers to fight!)*

***Are you ready to join us in the fight!??***

1. STEP ONE (Talk about voting for one long term care union and get them to commit)

Step one is for ALL California homecare and nursing home workers to join together in ONE LONG-TERM CARE WORKERS UNION. *TODAY* - all California Homecare Workers will have the opportunity to vote to recommend forming ONE LONG TERM CARE WORKERS UNION with SEIU. Your ballot will come in the mail any in the coming days. Please vote Option A

- a. *Can we count on you to form ONE LONG TERM CARE WORKERS UNION with SEIU, by checking Option A?*
- b. *(Select the appropriate response - yes, no, or undecided)*

**ENDING**

Great work! If we all do this - we'll be in great shape to fight back these cuts.

*Will you join us as a volunteer to help win this fight?*

*(mark appropriate response)*

Take care!