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CA STATE TAX CHECK-OFF

Talking Points

Point: California rape crisis centers are notoriously underfunded and face unstable funding in the wake of federal cuts and changes to funding formulas.

- The California State General Fund only allocates \$45,000/year to rape crisis centers.
- In 2014, federal formula changes to the Rape Prevention Education program resulted in a near \$1MM cut California.
- This funding cut will impact the continuation of vital services, trainings, and presentations to students and community members.

Point: CALCASA is dedicated to creating new and stable funding streams for California rape crisis centers.

- As a top legislative to develop funding for its membership, CALCASA sponsored SB 782 (DeSaulnier) that was signed by Governor Brown in September 2014.
- SB 782 created a tax check-off and established the California Sexual Violence Victim Services Fund that will be managed by the California Office of Emergency Services and directed to CA rape crisis centers.
- CALCASA will not receive any of the funds generated via the state tax check-off.

Point: On the California State Tax Return Form 540, California taxpayers can allocate any amount over \$1.00 to the California Sexual Violence Victim Services Fund.

- The California Sexual Violence Victim Services Fund can be found on Form 540, Side 4, Line 26, Code 429 and is an easy way for Californians to support survivors of rape.
- This is a mechanism to direct funding to California rape crisis centers for crisis intervention and prevention services, such as hotel or travel vouchers or to facilitate community education programs and self-defense workshops.

Point: Sexual assault victims and their families can access support through an existing California safety net of rape crisis center programs. These services are confidential and free of charge.

- A network of 84 rape crisis centers in California serve rape and sexual assault victims in California. There are rape crisis center programs in every county in the state.
- The _____ rape crisis center in _____ County is available to assist sexual assault survivors 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Insert phone and website information.

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