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NOTE: CSL proposals will be distributed to the State Legislators in December for review. The CSL Legislative committee will contact the State legislators for bills on the Top Priority Proposals.

CSL 2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

STATE TOP 10 PRIORITIES

AP-3 Senior Assembly Member Young: Nursing Home End-of-Life Privacy. Requires nursing homes to provide a private room for a resident who has been diagnosed as terminal.

AP-6 Senior Assembly Member Lucero: Prescription Expiration Date. Would require drug manufacturers to include a "best before" date on packaging.

Ap-7 Senior Assembly Member Lucero: Hearing Aid Availability and Cost. Requires hearing aids be made available for over-the counter sales and vendors be encouraged to submit a plan to the Hearing Aid Dispensers Bureau.

AP-10 Senior Assembly Member Monck: Electronic Prescription Writing. Proposal institutes a State electronic prescription writing system.

Ap-13 Senior Assembly Member Feingold: Acute Care Hospital Infection Screening. Requires general acute care hospitals to administer weekly screenings of infections and to publicly disclose the number of patients developing infections. -**SENATOR ALQUIST-SENT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

AP-28 Senior Assembly Member Krohn: Elder Abuse Offender Registry. Requires the State to compile elder physical and financial abuse conviction details in an elder abuse offender registry, publicly accessible on the internet.

SP-1 Senior Senator Eaton: Affordable housing Shortage for Seniors. Requires action to address the senior affordable housing shortage revisions of zoning requirements and permit and impact fees.

SP-9 Senior Senator Griswold: Property Tax Exemptions. Increases the homeowner's property tax exemption from \$7,000 to \$27,000 for seniors.

SP-15 Senior Senator Young: Expanded In Home Support Services. Expands IHSS to include support for activities in volunteer, social or other community functions.

SP-16 Senior Senator Wright: Oral Health in Nursing Homes. Requires that the DHS review the oral health component of nursing home treatment plans on a quarterly basis for proper completion and that appropriate referrals to dental professionals be made, with failures reported as abuse.

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CSL 2008 TOP 4 FEDERAL PRIORITIES

AFP-2 Senior Assembly Members Shontz and Gould: Parkinsons Prescription Renewal. Changes the renewal period for Parkinson's Medicare prescriptions from 30 to 180 days.

AFP-3 Senior Assembly Member Mitchell: Aircraft Portable oxygen Devices. Would require aircraft operators to allow passengers on oxygen therapy to carry on and operate portable oxygen devices.

AFP-5 Senior Assembly Member Lucero. Sale of Personal Information: Requires Business to obtain written permission from seniors prior to the sale of personal information.

SFP-11 Senior Senator Gehrig: Medicare. Podiatric Prevention Care. Expands Medicare coverage to include a co-pay for one annual podiatric care visit.

DO YOU KNOW Federal and State income tax for 2007 is due December, 31st?

DO YOU KNOW THE CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE (CSL) is a voluntary Senior Advocate organization for California seniors?

DO YOU KNOW the State Franchise Tax Board requires **THE CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE (CSL)** must raise **\$250,000** dollars each year, to remain on the State's income tax form to make **Contributions**. The line reads "**California fund for Seniors Citizens?**"

DO YOU KNOW The CSL was legislated into law by the State Legislature in 1980. The first Session, was held in 1982. The State's Planning Service areas (33), COUNCILS ON AGING are responsible for electing the Senior Legislators to represent their PSA. There are eighty Senior Assembly Members and Forty Senior Senators. Elections are held every four years.

DO YOU KNOW the proposals approved during the CSL Legislative sessions (held in Sacramento's State Capitol) resulted in approximately 70% new state law, which improved the quality of daily life for seniors?

DO YOU KNOW Senior Legislators visit the States' Legislators, every month, advocating the Proposals passed by the Senior Legislature?

DO YOU KNOW your contribution to the **CALIFORNIA FUND FOR SENIOR CITIZENS?**
Is tax deductible?

DO YOU KNOW your tax refund can be used as a contribution, or may be added to your tax payment?

DO YOU KNOW you must inform your volunteer and professional tax preparer about the contribution you wish to make to the "**CALIFORNIA FUND FOR SENIOR CITIZENS? OR direct contributions can be made to CFOA/CSL 1017 "L" St., Box 428, Sacramento Ca. 95814-380 a(501c (3) tax ded.**

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