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CAPS PRESIDENT RELEASES STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR BROWN'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Following today's State of the State Address by Governor Jerry Brown, California Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS) President David Miller released the following statement.

“In his State of the State Address, Governor Brown renewed his call for pension reform measures targeting public servants. State scientists have done their part. During contract negotiations last year, CAPS worked with the Governor to come up with pension benefit concessions for state scientists that resulted in increased retirement plan contributions for all employees and a less generous formula for new hires,” said Miller. “It's important to remember that pension costs account for just 3 percent of the state budget so further slashing benefits won't solve our state's budget problems.”

Miller is a Senior Hazardous Substances Scientist at the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

If you have any questions or would like additional comments, please contact Ryan Endean at the CAPS Sacramento office at (916) 441-2629 or rendean@capsscientists.org.

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