



MEMORANDUM

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To: Interested Parties
From: Lake Snell Perry & Associates
Subject: Results from California poll on Food Stamp policy
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We report below the topline percentages from a recent statewide poll of California voters that gauged their views on a variety of issues and policies.¹ More than 7 in 10 voters support investing funding to administer a transitional benefits program.

We find strong support for investing \$2.5 million to administer a transitional benefits program that provides food benefits to families who are moving from welfare to work in order to obtain \$70 million dollars in federal funding for food benefits for working families to help them stay off of welfare²: **74% of California voters support funding the administration of the transitional benefits program (55% support this strongly)**. Both men (75%) and women (74%) are supportive.

This support is similarly strong across the state: **Los Angeles County (74% support); Orange County (65%); Inland Empire (73%); San Diego (76%); Central California (69%); Sacramento and Northern counties (76%); and the Bay Area (82%)**.

Further, this investment has high levels of support among all partisan identifiers. It is overwhelmingly supported by **Democrats (88% support)**; and also solidly supported by **Independents (69% support)** and **Republicans (65% support)**.

¹ This poll was fielded jointly by Lake Snell Perry & Associates and David Binder Research and was conducted by telephone using professional interviewers. The survey reached a total of 800 registered likely voters in California drawn from a voter file. The survey was conducted June 9–13, 2003 and has an overall margin of error of +/- 3.5%.

² The federal government has a transitional benefits program that provides food benefits to families who are moving from welfare to work. In order to obtain \$70 million dollars in federal money for this program, the state of California must invest \$2.5 million to administer the program. Would you favor or oppose California investing \$2.5 million to obtain the \$70 million in federal funding for food benefits for working families to help them stay off of welfare?