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First 5 California's Executive Director Comments on Governor's Budget

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — First 5 California's Executive Director Camille Maben released the following statement in response to Governor Jerry Brown's budget:

"After last year's historic commitment between the Legislature and Governor to fully fund preschool for California's lowest income four-year-olds, I am surprised to see no inclusion of this promise in the Governor's budget. First 5 California looks forward to working with the leaders in both houses and the Administration in the coming months to ensure California puts children and their families first in this budget, beginning with making good on the state's promise to fund high-quality preschool access for all low-income four-year-olds, and continuing our progress on restoration of high-quality child care access for infants and toddlers."

About First 5 California

First 5 California, also known as the California Children and Families Commission, was established after voters passed Proposition 10 in November 1998, adding a 50-cent tax on tobacco products to fund education, health, childcare and other programs for children ages 0-5 and their families. We are the only state affiliated Commission working to improve the quality of California's preschool programs. We fund programs that educate parents, grandparents, caregivers and teachers about the critical role they play during a child's first five years. Since our creation, we've supported millions of families with programs and services designed to help more California kids grow up healthy and ready to succeed in school – and in life. For more information, please visit www.first5california.com/parents.

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