

Welfare penalties

In her letter "Welfare reform" (Feb. 19), Department of Social Services Director Eloise Anderson said that Gov. Pete Wilson has enacted legislation that achieves the removal of penalties for working recipients.

While Wilson has removed some penalties for working, he has left punitive penalties intact. For example, if income reports, which are due on the 11th of each month, are one day late or missing information, families lose their child-care and work-related deductions. Also, the department uses income from work to collect overpayments even if they were caused by the department.

California is in economic crisis and the governor attacks the poorest of the poor by reducing their only economic base even further.

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