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Safe Jobs for Youth Month

As summer quickly approaches, thousands of teens just like you will enter the workforce, many for the first time. California's economy offers excellent opportunities for young people to work in industries such as retail, food service, tourism and more. I want to ensure that your first job is a positive, safe and healthy experience.

The California Partnership for Young Workers' Health and Safety represents twenty-five government and statewide organizations that are committed to on-the-job youth safety. Each year, they offer educational programs on important health and safety measures designed to prevent workplace injuries and illnesses as well as help young people understand their rights and responsibilities on the job.

This month, we demonstrate our commitment to young workers and the safety, health and labor laws that protect new members of the workforce. Several events and outreach efforts will be held across the state to help young employees, managers, educators and parents learn about workplace health and safety. I encourage you to visit the partnership's website at www.youngworkers.org or call their teen resource hotline at 1-888-933-TEEN to learn more about staying out of harm's way at work.

On a final note, while you may be a bit nervous about what to expect at your job, I want you to know that it will be a fine experience and our state is committed to your well-being. You will have the opportunity to learn life skills, earn money and build a foundation for your future success. I have tremendous confidence in our youth and I know that with hard work and dedication, you will succeed.

You have my best wishes for a successful job experience and a fantastic summer.

Kind regards,

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