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May 15, 2024

Honorable Dr. Corey Jackson, Chair
Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2
1021 O Street, Suite 6120
Sacramento, CA 95814

Honorable Caroline Menjivar, Chair
Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Sub. No. 3
1021 O Street, Suite 6720
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: IHSS Back-Up Provider System Funding Elimination - OPPOSE

Dear Assembly Member Jackson and Senator Menjivar:

On behalf of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, I respectfully write to oppose the elimination of the Back-Up Provider System (BUPS) Funding in the Governor's May Revision. The In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program provides vital services to over 35,000 older adults and individuals with disabilities in Sacramento County to help them remain safe in their own homes by receiving care from family, friends, or qualified caregivers from the Sacramento Public Authority Registry. The BUPS program provides short-term IHSS from back-up providers to recipients because their regular providers are unavailable or because the recipient is in transition to home-based care and does not yet have an identified provider.

Over the last few years, the Administration recognized the need for back-up providers and permanently funded the program due to the increased need for caregiving when an IHSS consumer's regular provider was suddenly unavailable. The demand for this service will not go away and we will still receive urgent calls for back-up providers. This places a significant strain on our departments and leaves recipients in a vulnerable situation.

The Master Plan on Aging projects the growth and demand for qualified caregivers and the need for back-up providers. This service not only saves lives, but it saves the state from more costly alternatives, such as IHSS consumers needing hospitalization or urgent care.

We appreciate the continued support in the proposed FY 24-25 budget for IHSS Public Authority Administrative Funding and ask that you continue to fund the IHSS BUPS program. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 874-4627 or deborde@saccounty.gov.

Respectfully,

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cc: The Honorable Jesse Gabriel, Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
The Honorable Scott Wiener, Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
Honorable Members and Staff, Assembly Budget Subcommittee 2
Honorable Members and Staff, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee 3
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