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Norma –

I understand how busy you are. I just wanted to express my deep concern for the agenda item #23 at tomorrow's BOS meeting. My main concern is in communication with providers and that I am unable to be there because we are meeting with the Cal Wellness Foundation at our site to bring money in to this county to make up for lost funding elsewhere.

Please defer any termination of contracts. If the state decides to delay payments to the counties (for services that we may be providing) please ask that the county permit us to deal with this through our own internal management systems (rather than having the county terminate contracts because they may not have the money on hand to pay us). Please do not cancel contracts which may have to be re-written and take so much time and resources to get back in place.

My hope is that whatever decision the Board takes tomorrow you will take into consideration the limited cash flow of providers and not make any decision retroactive. For example, if the State is deferring payments as of Feb. 2, 2009 please do not defer payments to providers for services rendered Feb. 2 or after. That will mean for many of us that we will have to lay people off without any notice and will have to pay them out for services from Feb. 2 – Feb. 10 that we will not receive payment for on our regular cycle.

We have seen a significant increase in need for services as well recently.

Also many of our contracts' funding is Federal in origin and deferring payments or cancelling the contract will not save the County money and just takes services away from county constituents.

I hope I am making sense. I understand that you will have to make tough decisions tomorrow so please keep some of these finer details in mind.

Thanks for you time and efforts on our behalf.

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