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Dear Supervisor Knight,

Attached please find a letter in reference to agenda item 09-0105 for tomorrow's Board of Supervisors meeting.

On behalf of children and families receiving mental health services in El Dorado County, I would be grateful if you would take a moment to read the letter before taking action on this item.

Thank you,

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El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Sirs and Madam:

Summitview provides mental health services to approximately 100 children and families throughout El Dorado County, and we employ over 80 individuals. We are just one of several local nonprofit agencies that collectively provide mental health and foster care services to almost 1000 children and together employ hundreds of county residents.

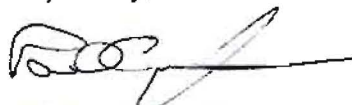
I understand that the Board is considering terminating mental health contracts with local providers in light of an anticipated temporary interruption in the flow of reimbursement from the State of California.

I am writing to respectfully ask that the Board consider not terminating these contracts and instead allowing individual agencies to continue providing services and, to the best of our ability, weather a temporary interruption in payment for services. Terminating contracts would force Summitview and agencies like ours to close its doors almost immediately, even though the flow of monies from the State will ultimately resume. Keeping existing contracts in place would allow agencies the ability to continue providing care, but put the responsibility on each agency to make the necessary arrangements to meet a temporary financial shortfall, such as implementing budget cuts, obtaining a line of credit, utilizing existing reserves, and so on.

Abruptly discontinuing mental health and foster care services would have a devastating impact on our community, both for the needy children we serve and for so many valued employees.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Paul A. Sunseri, Psy.D.
Co-Executive Director