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The Honorable John MacDonald, Chairman
County Board of Supervisors
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Supervisors MacDonald:

In light of the current crisis with the CMS program, the lack of county interest in healthcare issues is particularly bothersome.

I was in attendance at the presentation to the Board of Supervisors, by the Hospital Council and County Medical Society, two months ago. I found it insulting that all but two supervisors left the room when the healthcare presentation began. One of the two remaining supervisors exited and re-entered the room frequently. This type of indifference to healthcare is astonishing and not in the public's interest.

I am sure you will all be listening as the CMS issue is discussed next week. Perhaps if interest was this keen over the past years, healthcare funding in San Diego County would not be in the critical shape it finds itself now.

The healthcare system only servives because providers (physicians, hospitals, clinics) subsidize (with service) the care provided. This can only last so long. Soon -- this problem will affect care available <u>for all citizens.</u>

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Spindler

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