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To The San Diego County Board of Supervisors:

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Ans'd.... MTP

I just was informed that on February 26, 1991, you will meet to discontinue the CMS Program. Please I urge you not to.

I'm not useing it now. But there was a period of time that I was glad it was available.

My daughter had Married before the age of 18. My Dr. did not feel that I could work, nor did I, due to brittle Diabetes, and frequent Hospital Visits.

Anyway, because I was in the time frame of waiting for SSI. I had to live on $290.00 per Month. I could no longer have Medical. I was given CMS. In that time I believe I was hospitilized about 4 times one of those times I was in a coma. The professionals did not think that I would pull thru.

The reason that I tell you this is that ① I am not a lazy person, just very ill. I've worked all my life until I went to work one day and by Noon I ended up in the emergency room. Now although I see a lot of foolishness (waste) in most all of the programs. CMS I believe was a program that aided in saving my life. I am on insulin, test strips 4x daily neuropathy meds and several others. Anyway on less than $300.00 monthly there is no way I could have bought insulin, much

less the rest of the ingredients.

The reason for this long story is that I know that there are a lot of other people like me out there.

Maybe find a way to tighten up, be stricter cut some of the waste within the Dept. but don't drop this program.

Respectfully,
A. L. Smith