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Mr. Leon Williams
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Dear Supervisor Williams:

As a Boardmember of the Logan Heights Family Health Center and the Beach Area Family Health Center, I am aware of the tremendous burden that the County has for providing healthcare services to people who are indigent or working poor. The problems created by this fiscal burden have no easy solution and you as an elected Supervisor for the County must balance fiscal decision against constituent need constantly.

The recent injunction filed by Legal Aid has placed an additional constraint upon the County, ordering them to fund services through the CMS program with no immediate visible means of financial support. While I appreciate the difficulties involved in this problem, proposing to reduce or eliminate Primary Care services to indigent and working poor is not a long-term viable solution to funding the shortfall experienced in the CMS program.

As a Boardmember and a concerned individual in the community, I urge you to not reduce Primary Care services but to realize that the inaccessibility of healthcare is what prompted Legal Aid to file the injunction in the first place. Please find other alternatives to fund the CMS program. Eliminating Primary Care services would only further destroy the limited remaining healthcare services available in our county.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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