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Members, Board of Supervisors
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To The Supervisors:

I urge you to do all that you can to continue the County Medical Services (CMS) program. This is an extremely important program that provides the only access to medical care for many citizens of San Diego County.

You may not be aware of the fact that a large portion of the medically indigent and uninsured in San Diego County are college students. The CMS program is a critical resource for many of these young people. I am not referring here to the commonly misperceived "typical" college student as a happy-go-lucky 19 year-old who spends most of his/her time at the beach. I am referring to the 27 year-old Black male who ekes out an existence by holding down two part-time jobs while going to school; or the 24 year-old Hispanic female who is the first in her family to go to college and has done so with no financial support from her family; or the 22 year-old white female who has broken free of an abusive, alcoholic and dysfunctional family to attend school to become a teacher.

Under the CMS program we refer dozens of such individuals each semester for medical care that is essential to their health, well-being and function as students. With the current system of employer-based insurance they - and we - simply have no alternatives. I implore you to explore all possible options for the preservation of the CMS system.

Sincerely,

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