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County Administration Center
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Mr. Lon Williams:

I am writing to advocate that San Diego's County Medical Services(CMS) Program continue to operate. Only under this program can thousands of working poor receive the most basic medical care. Without it many will loose their jobs and even their lives due to illness or injury. Many will be forced to seek public assistance instead of working. Surely this will cost the County and State more money than the current CMS program. The human cost in suffering and death due to lack of basic care is unnacceptable.

I realize the extreme fiscal pressures that our State is under. As Supervisors, you have the power on February 26 to declare a state of emergency. I urge that you do so. Once that is done, Federal and/or State dollars can be secured to pay for the Program until a realistic budget can be developed.

Certainly if this nation can find the money for war, we too can find the money necessary to sustain life through basic medical care. Please vote accordingly.

Sincerely,

Leslee Coleman