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

RE: Elimination of the County Medical Services program

Dear Chairman MacDonald and Members of the Board:

I am very concerned about the ramifications of the proposal to eliminate the County Medical Services program. I believe this will be disastrous to the thousands of San Diegans who are chronically ill, and will threaten the solvency of our local hospitals who will be forced to provide emergency and trauma care without financial reimbursement.

The State must honor its commitment to provide San Diego with the funds necessary to run this life-saving program.

I am committed to working with the Board to introduce a legislative measure to ensure the county has adequate state dollars to run this program. I do not want to see the county jeopardize its tobacco tax money, which could be the result if this program is eliminated.

In the spirit of Governor Wilson's policy to promote preventive health measures, I believe we can work together to find a fiscal solution to this problem.

Sincerely,

Mike Gotch

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Assemblymember

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