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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Every day I see people suffering because of poverty, medical needs, mental disabilities and addiction. I've heard that you are about to cut funding for most of the programs that help them.

Meeting people's basic needs is the starting point from which we can create a safe, vibrant and thriving community. We should not balance the County budget on the backs of the most vulnerable! Abandoning them will lead to more suffering and expense later. It is more effective, cost-efficient, and ethical to **prevent crises with early intervention and health care.**

Health and Human Services should NOT be the department cut the most! We must **meet basic needs** for health care - including for mental illness and addiction, senior and family medical care, and food programs.

I urge you to look carefully at where cuts can do the least harm and where **spending could be reallocated more effectively.**

Our county budget represents our values!

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