

February 2, 2011

The Honorable Mark DeSaulnier
Chair, Senate Budget Subcommittee 3
State Capitol, Room 5035
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Oppose the Proposed Elimination of Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) and Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP)

Dear Senator DeSaulnier:

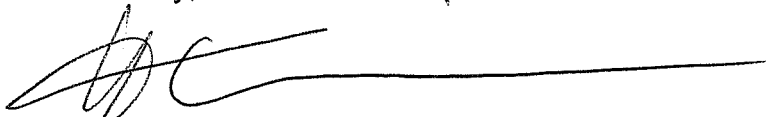
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The Business Council supports health care delivery models that focus on greater efficiencies, better patient care, and expanded health care access. Although OCBC understands the scope of the budget problem that must be addressed, the proposed elimination of ADHC and MSSP could worsen emergency room overcrowding and increase hospitalization. In addition to decreasing patient care, the decision could cost taxpayers as much as a combined \$101.6 million. Studies have demonstrated this program saves taxpayer money by preventing higher cost institutionalization. For the state to eliminate a program and essential structure at an approximate cost of an additional \$51 million more than they hope to save in the first year and \$145 and \$175 in the later years, is shortsighted. (Lewin Study).

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OCBC respectfully requests a re-evaluation of the Governor's proposal to eliminate the ADHC and MSSP programs and requests a study of other proposals that would save the state money, while not jeopardizing health care at this level. Thank you for your consideration and please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Kate Klimow
Vice President of Government Affairs

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The Honorable Holly Mitchell
Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee 1
State Capitol, Room 2176
Sacramento, CA 95814

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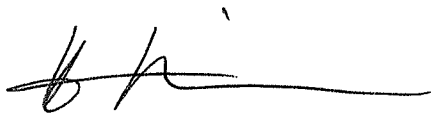
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