



June 29, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Toni Atkins
President pro Tempore
California State Senate
Capitol Office, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Anthony Rendon
California State Assembly Speaker
Capitol Office, Room 219
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: California's 2021-22 Budget: Investing in the Master Plan for Aging and the Home and Community-Based Services Spending Plan

Dear Governor Newsom, President pro Tempore Atkins, and Speaker Rendon,

The California Collaborative for Long-Term Services and Supports (CCLTSS) is comprised of 61 statewide aging and disability organizations that promote dignity, health, and independence in community living. Our members include advocates, providers, labor, and health insurers, and collectively we represent millions of California seniors and people with disabilities, their caregivers, and those who provide health, human services, and housing.

The members of the CCLTSS have been actively engaged in the Master Plan for Aging's (MPA) development and stakeholder process, with many of our members serving on the various committees and supporting the development of the MPA. CCLTSS would like to express our support and appreciation for the proposed investments to MPA activities that are reflected in both the [May Revision](#) and the [Legislature's budget](#). Our members are also in support of proposals outlined in the Health and Human Services Agency's historic [\\$5.2 billion Home and](#)

[Community Based Services \(HCBS\) Spending Plan](#) and encourage you to maintain these items as you continue to consider ongoing budget appropriations.

The federal funding made available through the American Recovery Act is a long-overdue investment in HCBS that will provide much needed resources to provide access to accessible, equitable, and inclusive community living options. This represents new federal funding and should be used expressly for the targeted investments that help address the disproportionate negative impacts that COVID-19 has had on older adults and people with disabilities, as is clearly articulated in the federal guidance. We applaud all of the state and federal efforts to make investment and long-term improvements to the delivery of care for older adults and those with disabilities living in California so that everyone can live and thrive in the most appropriate settings.

We look forward to working with you all as these HCBS investments are made and the MPA is implemented.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Dowdy". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "E" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Eric Dowdy, Chair
Board of Directors
California Collaborative for Long-Term Services and Supports