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>> GOOD MORNING, WELCOME TO NUMBER 4, IN THE SERIES, RELATED TO COVID-19 AND RESPONSE THAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING. WE TALKED ABOUT LAST WEEK, FOR THOSE WHOA PARTICIPATED WE DID A QUICK TOUCH ON THE MAY REVISE, JUST BEEN RELEASED AND WANTED A LITTLE TIME TO REFLECT ON WHAT WAS IN THAT. AND MORE THOUGHTFUL AGENDA ABOUT SOME OF THE IMPACTS THAT HAVE HIT THE BUDGET. AND A LOT RELATED TO THE PROJECTED BUDGET DEFICIT RELATED TO COVID-19 EXPENSES AND LOWER REVENUES, SO, THAT IS WHAT WE ARE GOING TO COVER TODAY, WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE A FULL PANEL OF FOLKS TO DISCUSS VARIOUS IMPACTS OF THE MAY REVISE AND PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS AND ADVOCACY IN THE SPECIFIC AREAS.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING, WE ARE EXCITED TO KICK OFF THE DAY. AS WE HAVE BEEN DOING, WE HAVE BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE SPECIAL GUESTS FROM THE LEGISLATURE AND DEPARTMENT OF AGING, JOINING US EVERY WEBINAR TO GIVE THEIR PERSPECTIVE ON WHAT IS HAPPENING AND GIVE A LITTLE BIT OF INSIGHT ON THE FAST MOVING AND CONSTANTLY CHANGING ENVIRONMENT WE ARE IN THESE DAYS.

SO, THIS MORNING WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME ELIZABETH FULLER, COMING TO PROVIDE UPDATES AND BEHALF OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER, WHO USUALLY JOINS US, AND LUCKY ENOUGH TO HEAR HIS CHILDREN IN THE BACKGROUND AND MOVE ONTO IN DEPTH DISCUSSION OF THE MAY REVISE AND HAVE A PANEL TO GO OVER THAT.

INTRODUCE THEM, AS WE GET INTO IT, AND PASS OFF TO ELIZABETH FULLER.

>> GOOD MORNING, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME, ASSEMBLY

MEMBER IS LAUNCHING A NEW SENIOR MEALS PROGRAM IN THE DISTRICT. AND THIS MORNING IS THE FIRST MORNING FOR DELIVERY. SO, HE IS DOWN IN HIS AREA WORKING HARD. I ALSO, WHEN WE DISCUSSED WHETHER HE WOULD BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS IN THE CAR, I SAID THIS IS A GROUP OF KNOWLEDGEABLE FOLKS. IT IS TOUGH IF THEY CAN'T HAVE YOUR FULL A , I APPRECIATE YOU LETTING ME FILL IN HERE THIS MORNING.

TIME HAS BEEN A FUNNY CONSTRUCT IN ALL OF THIS, BECAUSE, THINKING THAT THE LAST TIME YOU HAD THIS CALL WAS WHEN THE MAY REVISE CAME OUT, FEELS LIKE THAT WAS A REALLY LONG TIME AGO. AND YET AT THE SAME TIME I FEEL LIKE I DO THE SAME THING ERE DAY.

I THINK TWO WEEKS AGO, WHEN WE WERE GETTING INTO THE CUTS OF WHAT THE MAY REVISE LOOKED LIKE. AS YOU SAID YOU WANT TO HAVE A MORE REFLECTION AND MORE TIME.

I AM GRATEFUL TO SEE YOU ALL HAVE BEEN SO UNITED IN YOUR MESSAGING, I THINK THAT IS IMPORTANT AND HOW WE WILL SEE SUCCESS FOR SURE.

BUT ALSO I CAME INTO THIS SPACE IN AGING, JUST IN OCTOBER. AND I CAME IN WHEN THE MASTER PLAN WAS UP AND RUNNING. AND ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS THAT I NOTICED WAS HOW POLITE AND KIND AND COLLABORATIVE EVERYBODY IS IN THIS SPACE. THAT IS VERY DIFFERENT THAN POLITICS IN GENERAL. HARD TO SIT A ROOM AND SEE WHO GETS ALONG FOR REAL.

WHO REALLY LIKES ONE ANOTHER AND WHO IS FIGHTING. WHAT I FOUND IS EVERYBODY HAS BEEN GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE SCRAPS THAT YOU GUYS GET BY. I WILL USE THE CAREGIVER RESOURCE CENTER AS AN EXAMPLE. I DON'T THINK THERE IS A BETTER EXAMPLE OF THOSE MORE COMMITTED TO WORK THEY DO THEY WORK OFF OF 10% OF THE BUDGET AND SAY WE WILL EXIST AND FIND A WAY TO PROVIDE VALUABLE

SERVICE.

SO, SHOWS THAT YOU DON'T LIVE IN FAT YEARS, ALL THAT FAT. YOU MIGHT GET SMALL GAINS AND STILL DO AMAZING WORK, SO, YOU ARE SO POLITE AND SO KIND AND GRATEFUL FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE, IT'S REALLY REALLY HARD TO GET THAT FIRE GOING. AND YET, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE HAVE SEEN. SUCH A UNITED FRONT IN EVERY HEARING, WHEN THE MAY REVISE CAME OUT, ON THE ASSEMBLY SIDE.

SUB HEARINGS, RELATING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, WERE JUST 3 DAYS LATER.

AMAZING. IF IT RANT A RUN OF 8 CALLERS AND SAID, ELIMINATION IS A , IT WAS EVERY OTHER

IT WAS FANTASTIC. WE WERE TALKING BEFORE THE CALL THAT THE SENATE SUB COMMITTEE HEARING THIS LAST SUNDAY WAS VERY LONG AND YET YOU ALL CAME OUT IN A UNITED WAY AGAIN.

I THINK THAT HAS HELPED A LOT OF THE LEGISLATORS, UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE ALL REALLY COMMITTED AND OUT RIGHT ELIMINATION OF THE TWO PROGRAMS IS

UNACCEPTABLE. UNACCEPTABLE CUTS, NOT JUST CUTS OUT RIGHT ELIMINATION.

ON ANY CALL THAT IS APPROPRIATE TO RAISE THIS ISSUE, IT'S BEING RAISED. AND

THAT IS REALLY BEING SEEN. IF ANY OF YOU WATCHED THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE AS A

WHOLE. MOST MEMBERS, KIND OF USE THEIR 4 MINUTES IF THEY WERE A LOTTED TO

PONTIFICATE ON THE BUDGET

MANY USED THE TIME AND TALKED ABOUT THE SENIOR CUTS. HIS QUESTIONS WERE

REALLY HOW HAVING HAD THE NEW LONG TERM CARE AT HOME BE RELEASED JUST

FRIDAY YOU KNOW HAPPY HOURISH. UMM, THAT IT DOES, THE DATES DON'T MATCH UP,

NOT REALLY ANY GUTS THROUGH THE PROGRAM, SAID IT WAS GOING TO BE RUN

THROUGH THE MASTER PLAN, AND SEEMED LIKE A BAND AID AND WERE NOT

UNDERSTANDING WHAT THAT MEANT, AND STILL HEARD PEOPLE TALK ABOUT THE

ELIMINATION AND SAID YOUR IMPLEMENTATION TIME DOESN'T MATCH UP.

YOU ARE LEAVING PEOPLE WITHOUT SERVICES AND THIS IS NOT A POPULATION THAT CAN GO A DAY WITHOUT SERVICES. HE USED THAT TIME. AND THEN ALSO TALKED ABOUT SEEP YOUR NUTRITION, AND MORE THAN EVER, AREA AGENCIES AND PROVIDING MEALS AND NOW HAVE HAD TO TURN THEM INTO MEAL DELIVERY. HAVE DONE A FANTASTIC JOB, AND THAT IS TALKING ABOUT MEALS ON WHEELS, NOT GREAT PLATES, ALL THOUGH IT IS IN SOME AREAS. THIS IS NOT A TIME TO CUT.

SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAMS, WHEN THIS NEED IS GOING TO BE ORPHAN GOING.

AND THEN HE TALKED ABOUT CAREGIVER RESOURCE CENTERS AND THE NEED. THAT IS NEAR AND DEAR TO HIM, WITHIN HIS OWN FAMILY, RECOGNIZED IT IS A CULTURAL THIN TO HELP A CAREGIVER UNDERSTAND THEY NEED THEIR OWN RESPITE. AND HE HAS A FATHER, WHO, HAS DEMENTIA, AND A MOTHER WHO IS THE SOLE CARETAKER.

HOW THEY FIND WAYS FOR HER TO GET IT AND THE TRAINING AND UNDERSTAND HOW TO BE A BETTER CAREGIVER FOR HERSELF AND HIS FATHER. I KNOW THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER CUTS OUT THERE THAT ARE NEAR AND DEAR TO OTHERS, BUT, THIS IS REALLY--I WOULD SAY LIKE IF WE ARE TRYING TO TRIAGE AND SAY, WHERE EVERYONE CAME THROUGH THEY REALLY DID.

I THINK IT IS TOUGH WHEN YOU LOOK AT AAGENCIES, AND LOOK AT THE GRAPH, BECAUSE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ARE MERGED TOGETHER, LOOKS AS THOUGH IT IS GETTING A 8% INCREASE. WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THAT IS INCREASE IS NOT ON THE HUMAN SERVICE SIDE

I THINK IF YOU WERE TO TAKE THAT AND TAKE THE DEPARTMENTS AND SAY, WELL, BY DEPARTMENT WHERE IS EVERYBODY SEEING THE MAY REVISE, YOU SEE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND UNDERSTAND IT IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND BUDGETARY CRISIS, YOU SEE THE CUT.

THAT NUTRITION CUT IS MORE THAN 50% OF THE BUDGET RIGHT IT. THAT IS HUGE, I DON'T THINK EVERYBODY IS SEEING THIS BUDGET IN THE CUTS IN THE SAME WAY.

I APPLAUD EVERYBODY COMING TOGETHER AND BEING REALLY UNITED IN THE WAY THEY HAVE SPOKEN OUT ABOUT THE BUDGET, I BEG YOU TO CONTINUE THAT. PLEASE DON'T EVER ASSUME THAT I HAVE A DOCUMENT OR ON A LIST SERVE.

IF YOU FEEL LIKE IT IS HELPFUL FOR ME TO SEE SOMETHING, PASS IT ONTO ME. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME I FIND THESE REALLY REALLY HELPFUL, OBVIOUSLY I AM GOING GIVE THANKS TO MY GREAT PARTNER AND MENTOR AS I MOVE THROUGH THIS PROCESS. BUT EVERYONE YOU HAVE ON THIS PANEL TODAY I LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING FROM, THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE REFERENCE AND LONG TERM CARE HOME BENEFIT, WHICH I WAS SUPPOSED TO MENTION AT THE BEGINNING, AND REALIZE THAT IS ROLLED OUT WITH FEW DETAILS AND AGGRESSIVE TIME LINE AND WILL BE GIVING TIME TO THAT, AND DEEPER DIVE AND MORE INFORMATION. LOOK OUT FOR THAT AND I AM GOING TO PASS OFF TO DIRECTOR OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING, WELCOME THANK YOU FOR JOINING AGAIN.

>>KIM MCCOY WADE: GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU, BOTH MEMBERS AND ATTEN S HERE, HI LIZ HOW ARE YOU AND MEMBER AS WELL. I AM GRATEFUL TO FOLLOW AND APPROPRIATE THAT BUDGET IS JOB 1, 2, 3, I WILL DO A QUICK MASTER PLAN UPDATE, GRATEFUL TO MANY OF YOU AT THAT CONVERSATION YESTERDAY, IT IS A CHALLENGING TIME TO FIGURE OUT A WAY FORWARD IN THE MIDDLE OF COVID-19 AND BUDGET AND ALL THAT IS HAPPENING. LET ME DO A COUPLE OF S, WE FOCUSED ON COVID-19 RESPONSE AND LISTENED TO THE FRONT LINES. TO INCREDIBLE

STORIES ABOUT SERVICE AND RESILIENCE AND NEED FOR LIFELINE. AND I THINK I BELIEVE HE IS ON THE PHONE, AND OTHERS, AND THEN WE HAD AN OPEN CONVERSATION OF HOW DO WE GO FORWARD, GIVEN CHALLENGES, WHAT WERE MENTIONED AND WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN RAISING. FROM THE STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE, AND PUBLIC. WE COMMITTED TO DO WERE A COUPLE OF NEXT STEPS, LONG TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS COMMITTEE REPORT WAS FORMALLY TRANSMITTED, ABOUT TO HAPPEN WHEN WE ALL STAYED AT HOME. I THINK IT IS WORTH SHOUTING OUT THE TEAM. (CALLING NAMES) WHO PUT ALL THEIR EXPERTISE AND COMMITMENT AND TOO MANY HOURS IN MAKING THAT HAPPEN. AND PUTTING THE FRAMEWORK ABOUT INFORMATION, STANDARD CORE SERVICES , AND IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTS STRONG WORKFORCE. AFFORDABILITY AND LONG TERM CARE BENEFIT AND LEADERSHIP OF STATE. THAT FRAME IS ANYTHING ALL THE MORE TRUE, GIVING IT TO THE GOVERNOR TODAY, AND SECRETARY, AND SOON TO THE WHOLE CABINET IS UNDERWAY. IMMEDIATE NEXT STEP. AND MANY THINGS UP IN THE AIR AND STILL IN PROGRESS. ONE OF WHICH IS CRISIS CARE GUIDELINES, THE MASTER PLAN CALLED FOR RESET ON OURS. HOPEFULLY PUBLISHED IN THE COMING DAYS, INFLUENCED BY THE MASTER PLAN. ADVOCACY AND EXPERTISE, MORE ON THAT VERY SOON. SIMILARLY, NURSING HOME, THERE IS A LOT OF CALLS FOR ATTENTION TO THE TERRIBLE SITUATION, AND TOO MANY NURSING HOMES WITH OUT BREAKS AND DEATHS YOU SAW LAST FRIDAY THE TESTING PROTOCOL AND MORE IS COMING EVERY WEEK AND DAY, FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM THERE IS THE LONG TERM CARE AT HOME FROM DPHCS ANNOUNCED FRIDAY PUTTING MORE MEAT ON THE BONES, LOOK FOR MEETING ON THAT TO BE COMING

AROUND THE SAME TIME LINE I HEARD THEM TALK ABOUT

WE ARE PUTTING TOGETHER THAT CONVERSATION WITH THE GROUP OF FOLKS, LEVERAGE THE EXPERTISE AND REALIZE NOT EVERY VOICE IS ON IT. PUT THE RIGHT PROCESS FOR THAT TO MOVE SOMETHING FORWARD. COULD BE GAME CHANGER BUT HAS TO BUILD ON WHAT WE KNOW. LESSONS LEARNED FROM MANY ROUNDS OF CALIFORNIA COMMITMENT TO HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES.

LAST BUT NOT LAST ASKED FOR A MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR AROUND THE BUDGET CUTS AND PROPOSALS SILL IN PROGRESS. HOPE TO HAVE MORE ON THAT SOON. LOTS OF WORK TO MEET THE MOMENT. WHAT IS NOT CLEAR IS KIND OF THE WAY FORWARD. WE WANT TO PUT TOGETHER A THOUGHTFUL TIME LINE THAT ACKNOWLEDGES HOW MUCH WORK WE ARE GOING ON THE FRONT LINES TO RESPOND IN VARY YOU WAYS.

ALSO THE ECONOMIC REALITIES AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITMENT, MORE ON TIME LINE. LAST PIECE I WOULD SAY ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY, PEOPLE THERE REMIND ME OR CORRECT ME.

WE ARE ALIGNING WITH THE GOVERNOR'S ALZHEIMER'S TASK FORCE, A WIDE RECOGNITION, BOTH ARE LOOKING TO DO SIMILAR WORK WITH SIMILAR STRATEGIES, SERVING SIMILAR POPULATIONS AND TIME TO ALIGN, THEY ARE MEETING ON JUNE 2, VIRTUALLY, WE WILL COME TOGETHER AFTER THAT.

TO MAKE SURE THAT THE ENTIRE MASTER PLAN FOR AGING HAS THAT LENS ALL THE WAY RUNNING THROUGH ALL RECOMMENDATION AND ALSO THERE IS A CLEAR ZOOM IN ON THE POPULATION AND FAMILY AND FRIENDS, SO WE HAVE CLEAR VISION AND RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTION IN THAT AREA AS WELL.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING BRING THE WORK TOGETHER, WITH THAT, I THINK THAT IS WHERE WE ARE, TIME LINE TO COME, AUGUST 11 MEETING ON THE BOOKS, BUT THINKING THROUGH THE BEST WAY TO USE PEOPLE'S TIME, GIVEN THE MOMENT, AND WORKING ON

ZOOM. THINKING ABOUT THE PROCESS AND TIME LINE.

**I SHOULD SAY, EXECUTIVE ORDER HAD DEADLINE, WE BELIEVE WE
EXTENSION ON THAT, GIVEN THE LAST TWO MONTHS, HOPE TO LAND IT BY THE END OF
THE YEAR. TIME LINE WE ARE WORKING FOR. HOW DO WE MAKE SOMETHING
MEANINGFUL, AND MAXIMIZE TIME AND PROCEED TO IMPLEMENT IN A MEANINGFUL WAY.
SO, WE STOP THERE AND SEE IF THERE IS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS AND TIME TO GO
ON.**

**>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, YOU HIT ON THE QUESTION I HAD PREPARED, DELAYS
ON THE MASTER PLAN FOR AGING, MORE TO COME ON THAT, UNDERSTANDABLY THINGS
ARE SLOWING DOWN ALL AROUND AS WE COME BACK TO A NEW NORMAL. WE HAVE A
NOTE, SAYING SHE IS GLAD THEY ARE ALIGNING THOSE EFFORTS AND YOU ARE ABLE TO
MODEL AND INTEGRATION WE TALK ABOUT SO MUCH.**

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS THROUGH WE HAVE MUTED FOLKS AND TAKEN AWAY CHAT
BECAUSE OF THE ZOOM BOMBERS AND TYPE IT INTO Q AND A AND WE ASK THEM ON YOUR
BEHALF. I HAVE ONE QUESTION ON THE BUDGET PROCESS NOW, UNDERSTANDING THAT
MAYBE THIS PROCESS LOOKS DIFFERENT. WE KNOW WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING JUNE
15, BUT THEN REVISITED, ANYMORE DETAIL ON WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE AND HOW
ADVOCACY CAN HAPPEN AFTER JUNE 15 OR THOUGHTS ON THAT?**

**>> I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR WHAT THE CRYSTAL BALL SAYS, I THINK THAT IS
RIGHT, FLUID SITUATION, COMMITTEE ON THE WHOLE, AND THE ASSEMBLY, AND NEW
TERRITORY.**

THAT REQUIRES NEW DILIGENT AND CREATIVE NEW WAYS TO CONTINUE TO LIFT THE

NEEDS AND PRIORITIES OF THESE POPULATIONS.

>> DID YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHTS ON THAT? NO, PUTTING EVERYONE ON THE SPOT, OKAY I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, RIGHT ON TIME, WORKS PERFECTLY, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE GREAT UPDATES, APPRECIATE YOU BOTH BEING HERE, STAY ON AS LONG AS YOU CAN.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR INCLUDING US, TOUGH TIMES WITH CONVERSATIONS, GRATEFUL FOR THE CHANCE TO STAY, THANK YOU.

**>> THANK YOU, MOVING ON, NOW MOVE INTO THE MEAT OF THE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE BUDGET. HAVE JUSTICE AND AGING GOING TO DO A IN DEPTH LOOK OF THE MAY REVISE AND IMPACTS IT IS HAVING ON OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THEN WE JUMP INTO THE PANEL WITH MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION ABOUT SPECIFIC PROGRAMS, ADVOCACY.
I WILL HAND OFF TO YOU.**

>> THANK YOU CAN EVERYONE HEAR ME? GREAT. OKAY. UMM, WELL THANKS FOR HAVING ME TODAY I MEAN AS I AM SURE A LOT OF YOU, A LOT IS HAPPENING EXTREMELY QUICKLY. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE BOTH LIZ AND GIVING THAT OVER VIEW OF WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON ON DIFFERENT SIDES OF THE HOUSE IF YOU WILL. IN TERMS OF PLANNING PROCESSES AND SORT OF FORWARD THINKING STUFF AND THEN SORT OF IN THE MOMENT WHAT IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW. AND, UMM, YOU KNOW, I THINK

JUST THE GIVE A LITTLE SENSE FOR EVERYONE TO SORT OF CATCH UP, UMM, OBVIOUSLY ALL THIS WORK HAD BEEN PUT INTO THINKING ABOUT, AND TALKING ABOUT AGING OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, THROUGH THE MASTER PLAN PROCESS.

THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN VERY OFTEN IN CALIFORNIA, NOT A POPULATION WE HAVE A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT THINKING OUTSIDE OF THE GROUPS THAT DO THAT ALL THE TIME. I THINK WE SAW OPTIMISM AND HOPE IN THE CONVERSATIONS AND INTEREST LEVEL AND POSSIBILITIES. AND I THINK THE JANUARY ORIGINAL BUDGET PROPOSED FELT LIKE A GREAT EXTENSION OF THOSE CONVERSATIONS AND A LOT OF THE WORK WE SAW INVESTMENTS IN OLDER ADULTS.

AND THEN OBVIOUSLY COVID-19 HIT. AND, NOT ONLY DID SORT OF EVERYBODY'S LIFE CHANGE SUBSTANTIALLY, BUT OBVIOUSLY PLUNGED THE BUDGET INTO A HOLE WE WERE NOT PARTICIPATING, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT IS A REAL CONCERN AND PEOPLE OBVIOUSLY FOR THOSE OF US LIVED THROUGH THE LAST RECESSION.

WE KNOW THAT IS GOING TO MAKE FOR PAINFUL HARD DISCUSSIONS AND CHOICES. BUT I THINK CONTEXT SETTING IS IMPORTANT, BECAUSE, WHAT WE ARE SEEING TO ALL THESE BUDGET THINGS AND PEOPLE REALLY ECONOMICALLY STRUGGLING, IS, UMM, A REAL PAINFUL REALIZATION OF HOW, UMM, UNDERFUNDED AND, UMM, UNDER, UMM--SORT INVESTED IN OUR INFRASTRUCTURES TO SERVE OLDER ADULTS IN THE STATE.

I COUPLE OF STATS I FEEL PEOPLE NEED TO HAVE AND HOLD IS THAT AT THIS POINT, 76% AND I KNOW IT IS TICKING CLOSER TO 80, AND I OF THE DEATHS ARE INDIVIDUALS 65 AND OLDER OF COVID-19.

OLDER ADULTS OF COLOR DYING UP TO 3 TIMES THE RATE OF THE SHARE. I AM SURE YOU ARE AWARE, TO BE CRYSTAL CLEAR HEALTH DISPARITIES THAT EXIST, RACISM AND OTHER SYSTEMIC INEQUITIES ARE LEADING TO HIGHER DEATH RATES AND SERIOUS

CONSEQUENCES FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR IN OUR STATE

SO THAT POPULATION IS SERIOUSLY IMPACTED AND NURSING HOME RESIDENTS AND STAFF, HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR 46% OF THE DEATHS IN CALIFORNIA

SO ALL THOSE STATS REPRESENT REAL PEOPLE AND REAL OLDER ADULTS IN OUR STATE WHO HAVE SUFFERED AND DIED AND THERE IS A LOT MORE SICKNESS AND DEATH HAPPENING IN THE COMING MONTHS.

THAT IS A BLEAK WAY TO TALK ABOUT THINGS BUT WE HAVE TO MEET THE MOMENT WITH REALITY, ONE IS BUDGET BUT THE OTHER IS THE REALITY OF THIS DISEASE IS PARTICULARLY HARMING OLDER ADULTS AND OLDER ADULTS OF COLOR IN OUR STATE.

AND WE HAVE TO SEE HOW THAT ALSO OVER LAPS WITH BEING LOW INCOME IN THE STATE. BECAUSE WE CAN SEE THAT A LOT OF THE PROGRAMS WE HAVE BUILT

INFRASTRUCTURE AROUND ARE FOR LOW INCOME OLDER ADULTS

AND THEY ARE NOT ADEQUATE OR EFFICIENT. ONE THING IS UPSETTING FOR US AS WE SAW THE MAY REVISE WAS THE FACT IT SO CLEARLY INCLUDED, UMM, CUTS, SWEEPING CUTS TO OLDER ADULTS SERVICES AND PROGRAMS.

AND, UMM, IT FELT VERY SHOCKING IN A TIME, WHEN, UMM, OLDER ADULTS ARE THE MOST HARMED POPULATION BY COVID

SO I WANT TO TALK PEOPLE THROUGH SORT OF WHAT THE CUTS ARE, AND ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THE PHONE, IF I MISS ANYTHING UMM, PLEASE LET ME KNOW, , IT WAS A LOT OF STUFF, AND I THINK PEOPLE WERE LIKE I SAID REALLY SHOCKED BY THE BY THE BREATH AND DEPTH OF THE CUTS. SO I AM GUESSING ALL OF YOU HEARD ABOUT AND I

AM GOING TO BRIEFLY DISCUSS THE MOST ING TWO CUTS.

NOW, ONE THING TO CLARIFY IS BOTH THOSE CUTS, UMM, COULD HAPPEN AS SOON AS JULY 1, 2020, THERE WAS A MISPRINT IN THE BUDGET CUT COULD NOT TAKE PLACE

UNTIL JANUARY 1, THAT WAS NOT CORRECT, BOTH PROGRAMS, EVEN THOUGH THERE MAY BE FUNCTIONAL, UMM, RESTRICTIONS ON THOSE PROGRAMS ACTUALLY SHUTTING DOWN JULY 1, THE BUDGET LANGUAGE AS DRAFTED IN THE MAY REVISE, PRO SAL THINGS CAN WIND DOWN IMMEDIATELY AS THE NEXT BUDGET YEAR BEGINS SERVING OVER 36 THOUSAND, AND APPROXIMATELY 10 THOUSAND OLDER ADULTS, WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT IS ALMOST 50 THOUSAND OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE AT A NURSING HOME LEVEL OF CARE, WHO COULD HAVE ONE OF THEIR MOST CRUCIAL IN HOME AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMS CUT COMPLETELY FROM THEM.

SO, THAT, UMM, THAT IS ALSO UMM, JUST TO GIVE SOME HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE, THOSE TYPE OF SERVICE ELIMINATIONS ARE ALSO PROPOSED TEN YEARS AGO OR MORE, IN THE LAST RECESSION. UMM, THEY WERE NOT, UMM, YOU KNOW, ALLOWED TO GO FORWARD, BECAUSE THEY WERE PUTTING PEOPLE AT UMM, IMMEDIATE RISK OF INSTITUTIONALIZATION BECAUSE PEOPLE IN THE PROGRAMS ARE AT A NURSING HOME LEVEL OF CARE.

BUT UMM YOU KNOW, THE CONTEXT OF THE LAST RECESSION, BUZZ BASICALLY CAL AND WASN'T A GLOBAL HEALTH PANDEMIC TARGETING OLDER ADULTS.

SO, UMM, THESE CUTS FELT PARTICULARLY UMM COUNTER INTUITIVE AND ILLOGICAL UMM THAT KEEPING OUT OF NURSING HOMES IS NUMBER ONE THINGS WE ARE FOCUSED ON GIVEN DEATH RATES OF THE CARE.

AND DIRECTIVE FOR US THE SHELTER IN PLACE, AND PROGRAMS ARE HELPING PEOPLE DO THAT.

THOSE WERE THE BIG PROGRAM CUTS BECAUSE THEY WERE FULL OF ELIMINATIONS AND THERE WERE A NUMBER MORE. LET ME WALK YOU THROUGH MORE. SO, THIS IS ALL WITHIN THE HEALTH--WITHIN THE HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

WORLDMENT

ALSO PROPOSAL TO REENSTATE THE 7% ACROSS THE BOARD TO ALL 625 IHSS RECIPIENTS AND GO INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2021.

THIS IS ALSO A CUT THAT IS A HOLD OVER FROM THE LAST RECESSION, WITH A COMPLICATED HISTORY, BUT BASICALLY THERE WAS ORIGINAL 20%, CUT LAWSUITS AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, LANDED THERE COULD BE A 7% CUT UNTIL FUNDING FILLED THE CUT IN FORM OF A TAX. AND, THAT CUT HAS BEEN FILLED, THE STATUTE IS STILL IN THE BOOKS TO ALLOW FOR IT. BUT THAT CUT HAD BEEN FILLED STARTING JULY 1, 2015, AND HAD BEEN FILLED EVERY YEAR

IN THE JANUARY BUDGET PRO ED TO BE FILLED ALL THE WAY UMM THROUGH THE 2023, AND TALKING ABOUT REENSTATING, JANUARY 1, 2021, AGAIN THAT WOULD BE HOURS CUT FOR ALL IHSS RECIPIENTS

THEY HAVE A CHOICE IN HOURS THEY ARE CUTTING. BUT YOU KNOW MEANS THEY GO WITH SERVICES THEY NEED, THAT IS WHAT YOU ARE A LOTTED IS SERVICES YOU NEED TO LIVE SAFELY IN YOUR HOME.

ALSO TO PAY CUTS FOR IHSS PROVIDERS, BECAUSE IF YOUR PARTICIPANT YOU ARE SERVING CAN'T HAVE YOU WORK 100% OF YOUR HOURS THEN YOU ARE TAKING A PAY CUT. THERE WERE A COUPLE OF OTHER IHSS CUTS PROPOSED AND HAS BEEN CLARITY AROUND THE CUT SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE HEARD OF.

THE CONCERNS WE HAD THERE WAS THAT A LOT OF COUNTIES WHEN SOMEONE LOSES MEDI-CAL HOLDS SOMEONE ONTO IHSS RESIDUAL PROGRAM, STATE ONLY PAID FOR PROGRAM. FOR, A MONTH OR TWO TO KIND OF CARRY THEM OVER WHILE THEY CAN CORRECT THEIR MEDI-CAL TERMINATION, AND WE WERE WORRIED PEOPLE WOULD LOSE THAT MONTH. SOUNDS LIKE CDSS IS WORKING WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO EXPLAIN THE THINKING AROUND THIS

ACCORDING TO WHAT I HEARD SO FAR, THEY ARE NOT SEEING AS A BENEFIT CUT AT ALL, THEY ARE TRYING TO MAKE IT SO THAT THE IHSS IS BEING PAID FOR BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND NOT ON THE STATE DIME COMPLETELY. THIS MAY NOT BE AS NEGATIVE AS AT FIRST

BUT I THINK MORE INFORMATION AND MORE DIGGING TO MAKE SURE WE ARE CLEAR NO ONE IS LOSING BENEFITS, BUDGET ALSO FREEZING COUNTY FUNDING AT THE LEVEL

THAT WAS REVERSING EXPECTED BUMP UP ORIGINALLY BEEN IN THE JANUARY BUDGET.

NOW ALL THESE CUTS ARE ERRED CUTS AND TRIGGER LANGUAGE IN THE MAY REVISE.

IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GIVES US MONEY, WE WON'T MAKE THESE CUTS TO THESE PROGRAMS. UMM THE CONCERN THERE IS THOSE UMM, UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THOSE UMM, FEDERAL MONEYS WOULD HAVE TO HAVE BEEN APPROVED BEFORE BASICALLY JULY 1. AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN. SO, AS SOME OF YOU MAY BE AWARE FEDERALLY THE HOUSE PASSED THE HEROS ACT.

BUT THE SENATE HAS NOT TAKEN UP THE BILL AT ALL. AND THEY ARE NOT BEING ALLED BACK UNTIL JULY. AND, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE REPUBLICAN LED U.S. SENATE HAD ANY INTEREST IN ACTUALLY APPROVING THE HEROS ACT AND IN FACT MADE PUBLIC COMMENTS IT IS DEAD ON ARRIVAL THAT BILL IS NEVER GOING TO PASS THOSE TYPE OF COMMENTS

VERY INCLEAR THESE CUTS NOT ACTUALLY IF THEY CONTINUE IN THE BUDGET AND ARE PASSED NOT ACTUALLY JUST HAPPEN UMM BECAUSE AS I THINK A LOT OF YOU KNOW ALSO OLDER ADULT PROGRAMS DON'T TEND TO BE HIGHLY FUNDED AND DON'T TEND TO GET ATTENTION. SO A BIG CONCERN MAKES PEOPLE JUMP INTO ACTION, CERTAINLY NOT THE REPUBLICAN SENATE UMM U.S. SENATE THAT THE LED BY MITCH FOR

A BUNCH OF CALIFORNIANS. SO THAT I THINK IS A POLITICAL SPIN AND SPIN ON WHETHER OR NOT THE FUND COULD COME THROUGH IN THE TIME LINE AND WAY THAT MAY REVISE ANTICIPATES

MOVE ON NOW TO CUTS IN THE MEDI-CAL PROGRAM.

SO, AGAIN ONE OF THINGS THAT YOU ARE GOING TO SEE AS I GO THROUGH THIS IS THERE ARE A LOT OF PROPOSED MEDI-CAL CUTS, NOW YOU MAY HAVE ALSO HEARD AS I THINK LIZ POINTED OUT, IS A LOT OF THE GROWTH WAS ON THE SIDE NOT ON THE HUMAN SERVICES SIDE, BUT I WANT TO POINT OUT ALSO UMM, YOU KNOW MORE OF UNPACKING THERE, BECAUSE A LOT OF IT WILL HEALTH GROWTH. WE DID RECEIVE FUNDS FOR INCREASED FEDERAL MATCH FOR THE MEDI-CAL PROGRAMS. BECAUSE THEY ARE ANTICIPATING MORE PEOPLE ARE ELIGIBLE SO THEY ANTICIPATED A LOT OF CASE LOAD GROWTH, TWO PIECES ABOUT THOSE TWO POINTS.

ABOUT THE F MAP INCREASE, FEDERAL MATCH INCREASE, LAO I THINK RIGHTLY HAS POINTED OUT CONCERNS CALIFORNIA MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO DO THE KIND OF CUTS IT IS TALKING ABOUT IN THE MAY REVISE, BECAUSE OF THE FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS CUTS TO ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFITS

A LOT OF THESE ARE CUTS TO ELIGIBLE AND BENEFITS, HOWEVER, THOSE INCREASED F MAP DOES NOT GO FOREVER, CONCERNS COULD BE HELD UNTIL RESTRICTIONS ARE NOT THERE AND THEN CUTS

ONE CONTEXT, THE OTHER ONE ABOUT THE INCREASED CASE LOAD ALSO MADE BY THE LAO'S OFFICE WAS THAT THE MAY REVISE PUTS A LOT OF UMM, IN TERMS OF HOW IT BREAKS OUT WHO IS GOING TO GROW WITHIN THAT CASE LOAD ANTICIPATES GROWTH WITHIN THAT OLDER ADULT POPULATION, AND LAO I THINK RIGHTLY PUSHED BACK AND SAID THAT IS NOT WHAT WE ANTICIPATE, BECAUSE A LOT OF THE PEOPLE WHO INCOME ARE CHANGING RIGHT NOW ARE WORKING ADULTS AND TEND

TO BE YOUNGER ADULTS, THEY SEE A LARGER INCREASE IN THE YOUNGER ADULT
MEDI-CAL POPULATION IS LESS EXPENSIVE TO INSURE AND WHO ALSO GETS A MUCH
BETTER FEDERAL MATCH FROM THE FROM THE FIRST-DEGREE FROM THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT

THEREFORE THEY ANTICIPATE THEY ARE OVER ESTIMATING, MAY REVISE OVER ESTIMATES
HOW EXPENSIVE CASE LOAD GROWTH WILL BE BY 750 MILLION. WITH THAT BACKDROP
GET TO MEDI-CAL CUTS, I AM GOING TO RUN THROUGH A BIG LIST, MAKE SURE I AM
COGNIZANT OF TIME. FIRST THEY ELIMINATED EXPANSION OF THE MEDI-CAL AGED AND
DISABLED PROGRAM TO 138% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL. THIS WAS TO BE
IMPLEMENTED AUGUST 1, AND SOMETHING APPROVED IN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET
THAT MADE THEM ELIGIBLE FOR FREE MEDI-CAL. RIGHT NOW PEOPLE BETWEEN 122%
AND 138 WHICH IS ABOUT 1270, AND 1470. RIGHT NOW ON SHARED COST MEDI-CAL
AND EXPENSIVE WAY TO HAVE IT. AND USUALLY THEY HAVE HUNDREDS OF SHARED
COSTS

THEY PROPOSE TO ELIMINATE THE STATE ONLY EXPANSION TO UNDOCUMENTED OLDER
ADULTS 65 AND ER, SOMETHING ALSO HAD BEEN PUSHED HARD LAST YEAR, AND
SENATOR HELD HER BILL TO DO IT, PARTIALLY GOVERNOR AND HER WORKED ON HIM
INCLUDING IN JANUARY BUDGET AND HE DID AND PULLED IN THE MAY REVISE
ALSO A BILL PASSED LAST YEAR, AB 1088 FIXING ONGOING PROBLEM OF PEOPLE
FLIPPING BETWEEN SHARE OF COST AND FREE MEDI-CAL. BECAUSE OF HOW THE STATE
COUNTY RULES WORK AROUND PAYING FOR MEDICARE PART B, WHEN THE STATE PAYS IT
IS NOT ALLOWABLE DEDUCTION AND WHEN YOU PAY YOURSELF IT IS.
ON PAPER SHIFTS YOUR BUDGET AND INCOME FOR MEDI-CAL PURPOSES, SO, PEOPLE
WOULD FLIP BACK AND ARE FORTH WHEN THEY WERE CLOSE TO THE TOP OF THE FREE
LINE, THIS BILL FIXED THAT PROBLEM. THIS ALSO GOT ELIMINATED

AGAIN THESE ARE PROPOSED TO BE CLEAR. THEY ALSO PROPOSED DELAYING IMPLEMENTATION OF CAL AIM. HUGE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES INITIATIVE TO CHANGE THE STATE'S MEDI-CAL WAIVER, IN EXCHANGE FOR NOT DOING IT RIGHT NOW, THE STATE IS SEEKING EXTENSION OF THE WAIVER FROM CMS NEXT CUTS TO BENEFITS AS WELL, FIRST PROPOSING TO REDUCE ADULT DENTAL BENEFITS BACK TO 2014, THOSE FAMILIAR WITH THAT, LAST REIS SESSION THEY CUT IT. 2014 RESTORED PARTIALLY, BUT SEVERAL MAJOR PROCEDURES STILL NOT PAID FOR. AND THEN JUST IN 2018 THEY RESTORED FULL DENTAL. IF WE GO BACK TO PARTIAL RESTORATION, THAT CUTS OFF TREATMENT. THOSE IN THE HEALTH OR DENTAL SPACE YOU KNOW THERE ARE JUST SEVERE CONCERNS ABOUT IT. THERE ARE HORRIBLE STORIES OF PEOPLE HAVING TO GET THEIR TEETH PULLED OUT. AND THIS GOES BACK TO PARTIAL RESTORATION. ALSO THE STATE RECOVERY RULES IN PLACE BEFORE JANUARY 12017 WHAT THIS MEANS IS THAT THE STATE CAN SEEK REIMBURSEMENT AGAINST SOMEONE'S ESTATE, AFTER YOU PASS AWAY MEDI-CAL CAN BASICALLY SEEK REIMBURSEMENT FOR THINGS IT PAID FOR, CURRENT RULES ONLY ALLOW IT FOR INSTITUTIONAL LONG TERM CARE, AND HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES, AND THAT IS THE FEDERAL REQUIREMENT. AND STATE BASICALLY ADOPTED THE FEDERAL REQUIREMENT. IF WE GO BACK TO OLD RULES CALIFORNIA IS FOR AGGRESSIVE ABOUT IT. REAL CONCERN THIS LEADS TO REAL NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, IT IS SEEN AS A LEAN AGAINST A HOUSE, AND IN THE MOST MODEST WAY. I OWN A HOUSE AND PASS DOWN TO CHILDREN AND HELP ACCUMULATE GENERATIONAL WEALTH, AND BASICALLY TAPS AGAINST THE HOUSE AND TRIES TO SEEK REIMBURSEMENT ON ALL SERVICES.

INCLUDING THE RATE PAID TO MANAGED CARE, PAID EVERY MONTH WHETHER YOU USE THE SERVICES OR NOT. LASTLY PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE NUMBER OF OPTIONAL MEDI-CAL BENEFITS READING A LONG LIST (READING). THAT IS ALSO A TRIGGER CUT, THAT WOULD NOT HAPPEN IF FEDERAL MONEY IS APPROVED OTHER WISE ALL OF THOSE WOULD BE CUT FROM THE PROGRAM. SO THE HEALTH CUTS WERE PARTICULARLY SWEEPING. AND BROUGHT AND INCLUDE ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFIT CUTS. NOW LET ME TURN BRIEFLY TO SOME OF THE OTHER CUTS AROUND ECONOMIC SECURITY. THOSE FAMILIAR WITH THE SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME. THIS IS AN AMOUNT OF MONEY PEOPLE PAID PER MONTH, INCOME PROGRAMS FOR THOSE WHO DID NOT EARN ENOUGH DURING WORKING YEARS TO QUALIFY FOR ENOUGH SOCIAL SECURITY LOW INCOME PROGRAM THAT HELPS PEOPLE WITH A CASH BENEFIT. THE STATE IS REQUIRED TO PUT IN A CERTAIN AMOUNT. CALIFORNIA IN THE LAST RESCISSION SLASHED THAT AND NEVER GOT IT RESTORED AND WENT FROM 100% OF THE FEDERAL TY. RIGHT ALL OF THEM RECEIVING IT GET 90% OF THE POVERTY LEVEL 900 A MONTH, AND STATE NEVER RESTORED THE BENEFITS BACK UP TO WHAT IT WAS BEFORE THE LAST RECESSION AND NOW, EVEN NOW THEY ARE TRYING TO DIVERT MONEY THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD GIVEN TO THE STATE TO GIVE IT COST OF LIVING INCREASES HERE A FEW A MONTH, BUT IF YOU ARE LIVING ON 900 IN CALIFORNIA LITERALLY EVERY DOLLAR MAKES A DIFFERENCE, THAT WOULD NOT BE PASSED THROUGH TO THE RECIPIENTS AND DIVERTED TO PAY FOR OTHER THINGS THERE IS ALSO THE STATE'S PROPOSAL FAILED TO MAKE THE STATE'S EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT, EXTENDING IT TO IMMIGRANT WORKERS FOR TAX FILING, GIVING MORE MONEY INTO THE POCKETS OF LOW INCOME WORKING CALIFORNIANS.

LASTLY WE SAW A LOT OF PROGRAM CUTS UNDER THE GENERAL UMBRELLA OF SENIOR PROGRAMS RUN THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING. SO, SOME OF THESE CUTS WOULD BE OFFSET BY OTHER FEDERAL FUNDING DOLLARS. WE ARE WORRIED IT IS RESULTING IN CUTS AND CONSEQUENCES

AS YOU HEARD, THERE WOULD BE ELIMINATION OF AUGMENTATION FOR THE RESOURCE CENTER, APPROVED IN LAST YEARS BUDGET. RESULTS IN 20 MILLION FOR CRC, FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. AND REDUCED FUNDING FOR SENIOR NUTRITION REDUCTION OF 8.45 MILLION.

PARTIAL OFFSET AS MEMBERS HAVE POINTED OUT IT IS A NET CUT TO THE PROGRAMS, PROPOSED TO REDUCE FUNDING. AND REDUCED FUNDING FOR AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS BY 3 MILLION.

THAT HAS POTENTIAL PARTIAL OFFSET. I BELIEVE I HAVE ABOUT 5 MINUTES LEFT, RIGHT? GREAT,

SO, A LITTLE MORE CONTEXT, THAT WAS A BIG LONG LIST. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHAT JUSTICE ON AGING IS DOING TO PUSH BACK, IN COALITION WITH A LOT OF YOU ON THIS CALL. AND YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE A ROBUST DISCUSSION ABOUT THE STATE RESPONSES FROM THE OTHER SPEAKERS BUT I THINK YOU KNOW, TO WHAT LIZ WAS SAYING WE ARE THE TOP. I THINK WE HAVE BEEN PUSHING TO RAISE A UNIFIED VOICE AGAINST THESE CUTS. I MEAN, THESE ARE JUST SO MANY SO BAD, AND, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE REAL FEARS, THIS IS LITERALLY GOING TO MEAN PEOPLE DIE. YOU CANNOT LOOK AT THE RATES AND NEGATIVE THINGS THAT HAPPEN TO PEOPLE WHEN THEY LOSE MULTIPLE SUPPORTS SIMULTANEOUSLY ONE THING THAT MAY NOT ALWAYS COME ACROSS IN THE BUDGETS WHERE EVERYTHING IS LINE ITEMED OUT, IS HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE USING MULTIPLE OF THESE BENEFITS TO STAY HOME SAFELY AND MAKE SURE THEY HAVE FOOD AND PROTECTED FROM ABUSE AND

THEY HAVE HELP FROM A CAREGIVER AND THEY OWN IS SUPPORTED AND ALL PIECES ARE USED IN CONJUNCTION

WHEN YOU SLASH AND HACK AT THIS MANY PROGRAMS YOU ARE REALLY RISKING PEOPLE'S HEALTH AND LIVES.

SO SOME OF THE STUFF WE ARE DOING, WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT BOTH OF THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE IS REALLY AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON AND HOW BAD THESE CUTS ARE.

AND, SO, LIKE MANY OF YOU, WE ARE USING OUR VOICE IN A FEW WAYS. WE ARE YOU KNOW PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT AT THESE EXTREMELY FAST, VERY LONG INTENSE HEARINGS, THAT ARE HAPPENING. IF THAT IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO, THAT IS ONE

ACTION WHICH IS YOU KNOW, YOU CALL IN AND GIVE YOU ONE MINUTE AND YOU SAY

YOU AS SOMEONE WHO S AT A PARTICULAR ORGANIZATION AND LIVES IN

AND YOU AS SOMEONE WHO CARES ABOUT OLDER ADULTS IN THE MOST STRONG TERMS.

WE ARE ALSO USING MEDIA, THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF GOOD ARTICLES THAT HAVE

COME OUT OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS ABOUT HOW DEVASTATING THE CUTS ARE, WE

WANT TO KEEP UP THAT DRUM BEAT OF PRESS

OLDER ADULTS ARE OFTEN OVER LOOKED, FEELS LIKE SOMETIMES THESE HAPPEN AND

PEOPLE WOULD BE SHOCKED AND AFTER THE FACT PEOPLE SAY I DID NOT HEAR THIS WAS

COMING

WE DON'T WANT ANYONE TO SAY THAT, SAY OH MY GOSH I READ THIS ARTICLE IN THE LA

TIMES AND THE BEE RAN A PIECE ABOUT THIS. THAT KIND OF MEDIA COVERAGE HELPS

US GET MORE PEOPLE INVESTED AND OUT RAGED ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING

ALSO USING SOCIAL MEDIA TO DO THESE THINGS, NOT EVERYBODY USING IT, IT IS NOT

END ALL BE ALL BUT CAN HELP AMPLIFY AND REACH A DIFFERENT POPULATION MAYBE

NOT READING ARTICLES OR MAYBE NOT STEEPED IN THIS. I WOULD SAY THAT IS A BIG

**PIECE, REALLY REMEMBER THAT, WE ARE SO IN IT THAT FEELS LIKE IT IS TAKING OVER
ATHINK A LOT OF US IT IS TAKING OVER OUR LIFE AND WORLD**

**I THINK THE WEIRDEST THING IS TO REALIZE A LOT OF PEOPLE THEY DON'T KNOW THIS
IS HAPPENING.**

**YOU KNOW, PROBABLY THE AVERAGE CALIFORNIAN WALKING DOWN THE STREET HAS NO
IDEA WHAT IS GOING ON. WAY TOO MUCH OTHER STUFF GOING ON RIGHT NOW AND A
LOT OF IT IS SUPER IMPORTANT AND PAY ATTENTION TO THAT TOO, BUT I THINK WHAT
WE NEED TO SAY, WE ARE STANDING UP FOR SENIORS AND DON'T WANT IT ON THE BACK
OF SENIORS AND ARE NOT GOING TO ALLOW THIS BUDGET TO BE PASSED.**

**IT IS AGAINST OUR VALUES AND AMBITIONS TO HAVE A MASTER PLAN FOR AGING TO
HAVE A THOUGHTFUL PROCESS AND WE NEED TO TAKE ACTION. SOME GOOD NEWS UMM
THE SENATE PASSED ITS BUDGET LAST NIGHT WHICH REJECTED LIKE ALL THESE CUTS,
LITERALLY ALL THESE CUTS THEY FOUND OTHER WAYS TO PAY FOR THESE PROGRAMS TO
KEEP THEM GOING. AND THEY DID NOT SUBJECT ANY OF THEM TO TRIGGERS
SO, THERE WERE CUTS IN THE SENATE CUT BUDGET BUT NOT RELATED TO ANY OF THESE
PROGRAMS I THINK THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN LESS THAN CLEAR, EVERYTHING IS
HAPPENING ON THE MOST--**

**BUT TO BE CLEAR NOT INCLUDED INCLUDING IN THE OTHER ONES ELIMINATIONS WERE
REJECTED AND DIFFERENT WAYS TO PAY FOR THE PROGRAMS IN THE SENATE BUDGET AND
THEY WERE NOT SUBJECT TO TRIGGER CUTS AND IN THE SENATE BUDGET THEY ARE MORE
PUSHED OUT AND UNRELATED TO THESE PROGRAMS.**

**ASSEMBLY MET LAST WEEK AND I MAY ASK LIZ I--MY UNDERSTANDING IS ASSEMBLY HAS
NOT VOTED ON THEIR VERSION OF THE BUDGET YET AND I HAVE NOT SEEN THE TIME LINE
FOR WHEN THEY ARE LIKELY TO, DO YOU HAVE THAT?**

>> WE DID NOT VOTE AS A COMMITTEE, DISCUSSION HAPPENED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN. WE HAVE NOT SEEN ANY TIME LINES AS TO WHEN WE ARE GOING TO KNOW.

>> OKAY, THANK YOU SO MUCH, ALWAYS IN THESE TIMES DOING THESE PRESENTATIONS WHERE LIKE YOU THINK YOU ARE RIGHT BUT LIKE THINGS ARE MOVING FAST LIKE DID I MISS E-MAIL OR VOTE YOU KNOW--SO NEXT THING LOOK OUT FOR THEIR VERSION OF THE BUDGET AND THEM TO TAKE THEIR VOTE SO AGAIN PUSHING ON THEM TO REJECT THESE CUTS WHETHER YOU LIKE THE WAYS THEY GOT TO A SOLUTION OR NOT, BUT TO SAY THEY REJECTED THESE CUTS AND WE WANT TO ASSEMBLY TO DO THE SAME, AND THEN TO KEEP PUSHING, EVEN IF THEY DO THAT, I THINK WE HAVE A LOT OF REASON TO THINK, LITERALLY AS THE CALL WAS STARTING, THE ASSEMBLY PUT OUT A GREAT LETTER TO UMM, BASICALLY THEY SENT A LETTER TO UMM, UMM, UMM ASSEMBLY MEMBERS TELLING THEM TO REJECT CUTS UMM AROUND IT AND SIGNED BY 34 OF THE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS. SEEING IF YOUR ASSEMBLY IS ON IT AND IF NOT CALL THEM AND TELL THEM TO BE ON IT. LASTLY TO REALLY KNOW BECAUSE THEY DO WHAT YOU WANT AND WE HOPE THEY DO THAT IS NOT MEANING THAT THIS IS OVER. WE NEED TO FIGHT UNTIL THAT FINAL BUDGET IS SIGNED TO INSURE THEY ARE NOT LOST IN UMM AS PART OF THIS BUDGET AND THEY DON'T BECOME THE COMPROMISE PLACE. SO THAT I WILL STOP TALKING I THINK I ONLY WENT ONE OR TWO OVER.

>> YOU ARE FINE THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT, WE ARE GOING--I SEE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS COMING IN, LOTS OF SUPPORT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT ABOUT THE LACK OF PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, AND ALSO RECOGNIZING THIS GROUP OF ADVOCATES DID COME TOGETHER, QUICKLY, AND THAT IT MADE A DIFFERENCE, SO, FOLKS

WANT TO PRESS SUPPORT FOR THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE SO FAR

WE WILL HOLD OFF, PLEASE SEND THE REST OF YOUR Q AND A, THANK YOU, THAT WAS A LOT, PROBABLY NEED WATER I AM SURE, WE APPRECIATE THE OVER VIEW AND BREAKING DOWN DIFFERENT AREAS

WE ARE GOING TO MOVE TO THE STAKEHOLDER PANEL AND Q AND A FOR CLAIRE AND THE PANEL AT THE END, SO, PLEASE DO CONTINUE TO TYPE IN THOSE QUESTIONS AND GET TO THEM AFTER WE HEAR FROM SOME OF THESE EXPERTS

SO WE ARE GOING TO FIRST HEAR FROM CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FOR ADULT DAY HEALTH SERVICES AND THEN FROM THE INDEPENDENCE AT HOME SCAN HEALTH PLAN, AND THEN UDW AND USC FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT CENTER AND LA CAREGIVER RESOURCE CENTER.

IMPORTANT PROGRAMS IMPACTED BY THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND HEAR ABOUT THEM AND WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD. SO WE ALL TOUCHED BASE RIGHT AFTER IT WAS RELEASED, HANDING OFF TO YOU.

>> GOOD MORNING, CAN YOU HEAR ME? OKAY, GREAT, OKAY, SO, HI EVERYBODY.

I JUST WANT TO SAY, THANK YOU TO THE CALIFORNIA COLLABORATIVE FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK TO YOU THIS MORNING. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK AND LIZ FOR YOUR KIND AND THOUGHTFUL COMMENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS WEBINAR, I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, I DON'T HAVE A CAMERA ON MY LAPTOP I AM NOT ABLE TO JOIN YOU IN THE CAMERA. BUT I AM HAPPY TO BE HERE I WANT TO START OFF BY EXPRESSING MY APPRECIATION TO CLAIRE FOR PROVIDING US WITH SUCH A TERRIFIC DEEP DIVE INTO IMPACT CUTS AND PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLES WITH DISABILITIES AND EXPLAINING THE ERROR AND DATES AND REVISE REGARDING THE PROGRAM. AND HOW CLOSELY RELATING TO CUTS ON THE FUNDING

APPRECIATE YOU EXPRESS THAT FOR US. THE TIME LINE IS IMPORTANT TO FOCUS ON AS WE MOVE TO NEXT WEEK. DUE TO THE CYCLE THIS YEAR, WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE JUSTICE ON AGING KEEPING A EYE ON THE DEVELOPMENTS AND REVISION. I AM GOING TO START MY COMMENTS OFF, TO SET THE TABLE QUICKLY TO PROVIDE BACKGROUND ON THE DAY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM.

FOR THOSE ON THE WEBINAR THAT MIGHT NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH THE PROGRAMS AND THEN I WILL GET TO POSED CUTS FOR THE PROGRAM.

SHE DID OUT LINE THOSE I WILL TALK ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE DONE AS ASSOCIATION IN RESPONSE

REALLY QUICKLY THE CENTERS OFFER A MEDICAL MODEL OF CARE THROUGH OUT PATIENT DAY PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS AND ALSO ADULTS WITH COGNITIVE OR MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS OR DISABILITIES THAT ARE AT RISK FOR NEEDING INSTITUTIONAL CARE, WE ARE A COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAM. WE ARE A CENTER THAT PARTICIPANTS GO TO EVERY DAY TO RECEIVE THESE SERVICES. WHAT'S UNIQUE IS INSIDE THE CENTER THERE IS A COORDINATED TEAM OF INTERDISCIPLINE NARY TEAM.

LIKE NURSES, SOCIAL WORKERS, PHYSICAL SPEECH OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, FOCUSING ON MEDICAL AND PREVENTATIVE CARE TO IMPROVE TO HEALTH OF THE HIGH COST AND RISK PARTICIPANTS

THE MEDI-CAL SIDE IS A MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE BENEFIT. DURING THE PANDEMIC, WHICH REALLY I KNOW THAT THE EXECUTIVE ORDER CAME OUT IN MID MARCH, BUT WE ACTUALLY, IN THE BEGINNING OF MARCH STARTING MONITORING THE SITUATION CLOSELY AND AFTER THE GOVERNOR STAY AT HOME ORDER, OUR CENTERS, QUICKLY ADOPTED FROM PROVIDING HEALTH IN AT HOME CONTINUING TO PROVIDE CARE FOR FRAIL INDIVIDUALS THAT NEEDED SUPPORT. AND THEN WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THAT FOR THE LAST TWO HALF MONTHS AND

WORKING REALLY HARD, AND MAKING SOME REALLY FANTASTIC PROGRESS, AND THEN ON MAY 14 GOVERNOR PRESENTED THE NEW REVISIONS. AND AS WE KNOW A NUMBER OF THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND CAREGIVERS RELY ON WERE HIT HARD. AND, UMM, AS SHE NOTES, UNFORTUNATELY INCLUDES THESE PROGRAMS.

SO THE GOVERNOR'S 2021 REVISION PROPOSES TO ELIMINATE THE PROGRAM AS CLAIRE NOTED AS OF JULY 1, NOT JANUARY 1, 2021. THIS WAS A SURPRISE TO THE PROVIDERS, NOT ONLY THE CHANGE OF DATE BUT THE FACT WE WERE PROPOSED TO BE ELIMINATED BECAUSE GOVERNOR DEEMS OUR PROGRAMS AS ESSENTIAL SERVICE BECAUSE IT PROTECTS THE VERY PEOPLE AT MOST RISK DUE TO AGE AND HEALTH CONDITIONS.

WE FOUND IT PUZZLING AND UPSETTING TO BE HONEST AFTER THE WORK TO BE MAKING A TEMPORARY ALTERNATIVE TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE PARTICIPANTS IN THEIR HOME BY CHECKING IN WITH THEM AND SUCH AND PROVIDING MEALS.

SINCE THE MAY REVISION CAME OUT WE HAVE BEEN LITERALLY BEEN WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK TO SAVE THE PROGRAM. SO, JUST TO TOUCH ON IT, BECAUSE SHE GOT INTO THE MEAT OF THE BUDGET CUT

TO PROVIDE YOU WITH WHAT OUR ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN WORKING ON. LAST MONDAY ON MAY 18 PROVIDERS TESTIFIED AT THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE HEARING ON HUMAN SERVICES AND FOLLOWING DAY ON TUESDAY IN THE SAME ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUB COMMITTEE HELD THE HEALTH CARE MEDICAL CAL ISSUE HEARING COMPARED TO OTHER ISSUES WE WERE LUCKY WE HAD TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY ON ELIMINATION OF IT. THEN ON SUNDAY DURING THE SENATE SUB COMMITTEE HEARING ON ALL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. WE TESTIFIED THE HEARING WAS BROKEN DOWN INTO 2 SECTIONS. STARTING AT 9 AND 1:30, AND ENDED

AT 2 O'CLOCK FOR HUMAN SERVICES

DURING THE SECOND PART OF THE HEARING, THEY TALKED ABOUT THIS NEW MEDI-CAL PROPOSAL, CALLED LONG TERM CARE AT HOME. THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE UP AND RUNNING BY THE BEGINNING OF 2021, I KNOW THEY TOUCHED ON IT IN THEIR COMMENTS EARLIER, I WILL TAG ON A BIT.

THERE IS NO DETAIL ON IT, BUT SOUNDS LIKE MORE DETAILS ARE COMING. FROM WHAT WE CAN TELL, IT SEEKS TO MAKE A NEW MEDI-CAL BENEFIT WITH EXISTING SERVICES. DOESN'T HAVE A LOT OF MEAT ON BONES AS MENTIONED EARLIER, TO IDENTIFY THE DETAILS. HOW IT WILL ROLL OUT AND DOES SOUND LIKE THERE IS MORE TO COME ON THAT. CERTAINLY ON OUR RADAR AND I BELIEVE MY COLLEAGUE WILL TOUCH ON IT AS WELL. I WANT TO SAY WE HAD A SHOWING OF SUPPORT IN BOTH HEARINGS ON SUNDAY FROM THE PROVIDERS.

THE TURN OUT WAS A TESTAMENT OF HOW MUCH THE SERVICES ARE VALUED AND NEED TO BE FUNDED. AS FAR AS GRASS ROOTS AND LOBBYING, WE HAVE BEEN SENDING LETTERS OF OPPOSITION TO SENATE AND ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUB COMMITTEE, ALSO MANY PROVIDERS AND STAFF, PARTICIPANTS AND PAMILY MEMBERS, ALL SENDING LETTERS SHOWING SUPPORT PARTICIPANTS AND FAMILIES HAVE STEPPED IN AND YOU KNOW, HIGHLIGHTING A LOT OF GREAT INFORMATION ON THE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM PICTURES, QUOTES FROM THE PARTICIPANTS, BEEN REALLY GREAT. OUR BOARD SENDING LETTERS OUT TO THE COMMUNITY AND CONNECTIONS AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORINGS ASKING THEM TO SEND LETTERS TO THE LEGISLATURE,

WE HAVE BEEN MEETING WITH SENATE AND ASSEMBLY STAFFERS ON AND OFF OF PROPOSED ELIMINATION TO PROGRAMS AND ON LONG TERM CARE AT HOME PROPOSAL. AND YESTERDAY AS MENTIONED THE TWO ASSOCIATIONS GOT MEMBERS TO SIGN ON A

**LETTER OF THE CUT. ALSO WE UNVAILED THE TOOL KIT INCLUDES TALKING POINTS AND
ALLOWS THE PUBLIC TO SEND LETTERS TO THE CHAIR OF THE ASSEMBLY.
AND SEND A BUDGET COMMITTEE, AND IT WILL SUBSCRIBE YOU TO GET MORE ALERT AND
EVEN CALL YOUR LEGISLATOR FOR YOU, SO I WILL SHARE A LINK IN THE CHAT A
COUPLE OF MINUTES, SO, PEOPLE CAN GET INVOLVED AND START TO CONTACT, IF YOU
ARE INTERESTED IN OP POSING THOSE CUTS, THIS IS THE WAY FOR YOU TO GET
INVOLVED AS WELL. LIKE JUSTICE AND AGING WE HAVE A STRONG PRESENCE ON
SOCIAL MEDIA, IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY FOLLOWING US, FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND
TWITTER
WE ARE UPDATING SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS DAILY AND I KNOW I COVERED A LOT OF
INFORMATION I WILL GO AHEAD AND STOP HERE FOR OUR NEXT PRESENTER. THANK
YOU.**

>> GREAT THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE INFORMATION.

**>> THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO SPEAK TODAY
APPRECIATE THE CONGRESSMENS FROM LIZ AND AND FROM CLAIRE AND MY OTHER
COLLEAGUES IN TERMS OF LAYING OUT THE DIFFERENT PATH INS MOTION RIGHT NOW
IF COVID-19 WAS NOT ENOUGH NOW WE HAVE BUDGET ISSUE OVER LAY IN TERMS OF
WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE GROUND AND I AM PACTING OUR SENIORS. TODAY I WILL
SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE MSSP SITE ASSOCIATION, 38 SITES STATEWIDE, AND NURSES
WE HAVE A NURSE, SOCIAL WORKER MODEL OF CARE THAT GOES INTO THE HOME. ALL
OF OUR SERVICES DELIVERED IN THE HOME, RECIPIENTS ARE ALREADY CERTIFIED AS
NURSING HOME ELIGIBLE AT THE LEVEL OF CARE TO ENTER LONG TERM STAY.
WE ARE THE JACK OF ALL TRADE FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS IF YOU WILL, HELPING THEM**

WITH MEDICAL PSYCHO SOCIAL NEEDS AND BEING ABLE TO STAY IN THE HOME. ALSO A 1915C WAIVER, THAT IS PART OF THE UNIQUENESS OF THE PROGRAM, BECAUSE WE HAVE A POOL OAF FUNDS THAT WAIVER MEDI-CAL RULES. WE CAN DO THINGS LIKE IF THEY DON'T HAVE A WAY TO STORE FOOD AND BE ABLE TO COOK WE GET THEM A FRIDGE AND MICRO WAVE. IF THEY ARE SLEEPING ON THE FLOOR BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD A BED WE GET THAT FOR THEM. EMERGENCY RESPITE WHEN THEIR EXISTING CAREGIVER IS BURNED OUT. WHEN THEY LEAVE AND LEFT STRANDED WE PURCHASE EMERGENCY CARE GIVING, EVERYTHING TO KEEP THEM OUT HOME AND OUT OF THE NURSING HOME AS RE ER, IF FRAILTY IS NOT A REMINDER, MOST ALMOST ALL ARE NO SHARE OF COST MEDI-CAL. AND POOREST OF THE SENIORS OUT THERE TO GET BY AND LIVE IN CALIFORNIA AND REMAIN AT HOME AND SAFE AS POSSIBLE, WHEN COVID-19 HIT WE STOPPED THE HOME VISITS AND WENT INTO A TELEPHONE MODE. BUT WE ARE STILL GOING OUT TO HOME, BUT NOT ENTERING. SHOWING UP AND DELIVERING A BAG OF FOOD FOR THEM AND BEING ABLE TO WAVE AND MAKE SURE THEY ARE SAFE WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DELIVER OTHER GOODS THEY NEEDED WE HAVE HAD CLIENTS THAT ARE CLEATLY CUT OFF AND ISOLATED BECAUSE MAYBE THEY HAVE PEERS THAT WERE HELPING THEM PREVIOUSLY, BUT THEY ARE ISOLATED BECAUSE OF COVID-19 AND UNABLE TO DO THAT. SO, WE REACHED IN TO COMBAT NUTRITION, AND ADDRESS SOCIAL DETERMINING OF HEALTH AND COMBAT SOCIAL ISOLATION FOR THE FRAILEST OF THE PEOPLE WE SERVE. SO YOU KNOW WE KNEW THAT THE BUDGET AND THROUGH COVID-19 WOULD BE ISSUE WHEN IT CAME OUT. BUT WE WERE SHOCKED AND, UMM, BOTH PROGRAMS IN LAST LINE OF DEFENSE FOR NURSING HOME PLACEMENT FOR UP FOR ELIMINATION, AND ONLY PLANS THAT ACTUALLY SERVE PEOPLE.

**DEFINITELY SHOCKED WITH MSSP WHERE PEOPLE AT HOME IS WHERE THEY ARE SAFEST
IN A PANDEMIC, WE ONLY HAVE 3 REPORTED CASES IN MSSP.
SINCE WE ARE GRASS ROOTS, BOOTS ON THE GROUND COMMUNITY PROGRAM WITH
PEERS, WE IMMEDIATELY GOT TO WORK ON COMBATTING AND EDUCATING THIS DECISION
MADE BY THE GOVERNOR. AS POINTED OUT, THE ADVOCACY EFFORTS, IT HAS BEEN A
GRASS ROOTS EFFORT TO EDUCATE THE LEGISLATURE. AND EDUCATE THE GOVERNOR'S
OFFICE AND ADMINISTRATION
ON HOW THESE ARE NOT SAFE DECISIONS FOR OUR SENIORS AND WOULD LEAVE THEM
WITH NO OTHER OPTION BUT NURSING HOME PLACEMENT IN A TIME WHEN NO ONE
REALLY WANTS TO GO TO A NURSING HOME, BUT IN A TIME THEY ARE STRUGGLING SO
MUCH, AND THEY ARE SUCH A RISK. SO, UMM, WE, HAVE HAD, AS TALKED ABOUT, AT A
HEARING WE HAD A GREAT TURN OUT. AND FRIDAY NIGHT KIND OF PRESS RELEASE OR
DROP OF THE LONG TERM CARE AT HOME BENEFIT
WHICH WAS QUITE CONFUSING, SOME THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, I UNDERSTAND THE
ADMINISTRATION IS LOOKING TO GET OUT AHEAD NOW, GIVEN WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT,
COVID-19 IS HERE AND NOW. AND SO WE HAVE TO KEEP PROGRAMS IN PLACE THAT
WILL HELP PREVENT IN THE CRISIS TIME, VERSUS HAVING PROGRAMS UP FOR
ELIMINATION, FOR SOMETHING THAT IS NOT DESIGNED YET. SO, TIMING SURE FELT
OUT OF WHAT IS GOING ON.
WHEN YOU HAVE EXISTING PROGRAMS DOING A LOT OF THE WORK, THERE IS NOT A LOT
OF MEAT ON THE BONES AS MENTION THEY ARE WORKING ON IT. BUT RIGHT NOW IN
THIS TIME THE RESPONSE IS NOW. AND YOU KNOW, WHAT KEPT GOING THROUGH, A
COUPLE OF POINTS THROUGH OUR MIND, IF IT IS A STATE BENEFIT WON'T HAVE A
WAIVER COMPONENT . WHICH IS ONE OF THE PIECES THAT REALLY MAKES A BIG
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NURSING HOME AND STAYING AT HOME. YOU CAN PROVIDE**

SOMEBODY.

CALLING SOMEONE TO ASK THEM AND MAYBE A FEW HOME VISITS IF YOU CAN'T GET THE NEEDS MET, MAYBE A ONE DOLLARS THAT NEEDS TO BE SPENT AND WE GO IN THERE AND PUT IT IN PLACE SO THEY ARE SAFE AT HOME. WITHOUT A WAIVER YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO DO THOSE TYPES OF THINGS, WE SEE THAT AS A RED FLAG AND SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION

OTHER PART IS WE HAVE TO STOP AND BREATHE AND TAKE A MOMENT OF CCI AND, WHAT HAS NOT WORKED IN THE MLTSS OF CCI, AND FOR MSSP PANTS THEY OPTED OUT AND KEPT BENEFITS. NO CARE COORDINATION FROM THE PLANS. AND THE PLANS WERE QUITE CLEAR ON THAT.

THAT WAS OUTSIDE OF THEIR LANE IN TERMS OF THE WAY THE PROGRAM IS STRUCTURED FOR THEM. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT NOT EVERY SENIOR NEEDS THIS TYPE OF CARE. 25% OF THE POPULATION NEEDS THIS WORK TO KEEP THEM SAFELY AND THRIVING AT HOME.

SO, HOW DOES THAT, HAVE TO TAKE THE LESSONS LEARNED AND THINGS WE HAVE TO SOMETIMES WE GO SO FAST SOMETIMES WE REPEAT THE SAME PLAYS. BECAUSE WE ARE MOVING SO FAST AND WE HAVE TO REALLY STOP AND BUILD THIS CORRECTLY. UMM, AND THAT TAKES TIME. BUILDING SOMETHING CORRECTLY THAT HAS SO MUCH GRAVITY TO IT AND SO MUCH IMPACT. AND THIRD THING IS ON THAT, IS THE MASTER PLAN.

UMM, THE LONG TERM

THE LTSS SUB COMMITTEE DID A MAGNIFICENT JOB AND I GOT PARTICIPATE A FRACTION AND LAID OUT A BLUEPRINT FORWARD HOW TO MOVE TOWARD A STRONG FLAT FORM, INSTEAD OF SOMETHING NEW, WORK ON THAT, SO MANY EXPERTS WEIGHED IN ON ACROSS THE STATE ALREADY, SO MANY KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND MAP THAT FORWARD, YOU KNOW THE MASTER PLAN, RELEASED, MSSP WAS EXCITED TO SEE WE WERE NAMED AS

ONE OF THE PILLARS AS WHICH THE PLAN CAN BE BUILT UPON

I THINK THAT IS MY LAST WORD ON THIS, IS STARTING, ELIMINATING TWO MAJOR PROGRAMS THAT ALREADY HAVE 40 PLUS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE DOING THIS TO BUILD SOMETHING NEW, WHY CAN'T WE WORK FROM BUILDING ON EXISTING PROGRAMS AND INFRASTRUCTURES AND BUILDING THOSE OUT TO BE ABLE TO SERVE MORE OF OUR FOLKS, SO, I WILL STOP THERE.

THE ADVOCACY AS SAID GRASS ROOTS, LOTS OF PEOPLE CALLING AND WRITING LETTER AND CONTINUE THAT CAMPAIGN UNTIL THE BUDGET IS SIGNED AND THE PROGRAMS ARE HOPEFULLY SAFE, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, WE WILL SEND OUT LINKS, I KNOW SHE MENTIONED A LINK TO ADVOCACY EFFORTS AND GET THAT OUT, AND TO THE SENATE BUDGET PROPOSAL. GOING DOWN, YOU ARE NEXT.

>> HI EVERYBODY, I AM LISTENING TO A ALL THESE COMMENTS AND JUST MY HEART IS JUST BREAKING AND SINKING AS I AM LISTENING. I FEEL LIKE WE HAVE DONE THIS BEFORE, I DID NOT THINK WE WOULD BE DOING THIS AGAIN ANY TIME SOON. SO WE REPRESENT UDW I AM REPRESENTING THEM, WHICH REPRESENTS 1 AND NOW 18 THOUSAND IHSS PROVIDERS IN 21 OF THE COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA. AS SHE MENTIONED THE 7% CUT DATES BACK TO THE 2010 RECESSION, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF PROPOSED AND ACTUALLY ENACTED CUTS TO IHSS, SOME OF THEM WERE STAYED BY A JOINT LAWSUIT THAT WE PARTICIPATED IN WITH OUR ADVOCACY PARTNERS. AND WHAT THE RESULT OF THE LAWSUIT, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WAS THIS 7% CUT ONGOING? WHICH HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY RESTORED FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS

WHICH HAS BEEN A POSITIVE THING, BUT WE HAVE BEEN PUSHING FOR PERMANENT RESTORATION, GOSH AT LEAST SINCE 2016. AND WE ARE CONFIDENT IT WAS GOING TO COME TO PASS WHEN WE HAD THE NEW GOVERNOR, THAT DID NOT HAPPEN. BUT, CLEARLY COVID-19 CHANGED THE TRAJECTORY ALL TOGETHER. AND NOW, WHAT WAS PREVIOUSLY UNFATHOMABLE, WHICH IS THE CUT. IS WHAT IS ON THE TABLE I DON'T WANT TO REPEAT TOO MUCH. I WILL SAY EATING THE MASSIVE DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THIS IS WHAT THE MAY REVISION LOOKED LIKE I THINK WE ARE ALL JUST JAW DROPPED AND SHOCKED THEY PULLED OUT THE BINDER FROM 2010. DUSTED IT OFF AND SEVERAL PEOPLE USED THAT ANALOGY AND LIKE THEY TOOK OFF THE COBWEBS AND SAID REINTRODUCE WHAT WE DID THEN AND STICKS NOW. SO, UTTERLY DISAPPOINTING FOR THE LACK OF ACKNOWLEDGING ANY LESSONS LEARNED NEVER MIND THE WORK OF THE OF THE MASTER PLAN SUBGROUP I AM A MEMBER OF, LAST 6 MONTHS, LONGER THAN THAT, HAS SPENT AGONIZING AMOUNT OF TIME TALKING THROUGH THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS, WHAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE FOR SECURING A HEALTHY CALIFORNIA, WHERE EVERYONE CAN AGE IN PLACE IN THEIR HOMES AS THEY CHOOSE SO, IT FELT LIKE VERY MUCH, I THINK OTHERS HAVE SAID THIS, A THUMB IN THE EYE. AND, JUST AN ABSOLUTE DISREGARD FOR ALL OF THE LABOR THAT HAD BEEN PUT INTO COMING UP WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE CAME UP WITH. SO, AT THIS POINT, UMM, YOU KNOW, IT IS REALLY SAD, WE ARE PREPARING OUR MEMBERS TO BE DO VIRTUAL LOBBY VISITS WITH THEIR LEGISLATORS NEXT WEEK, I AM SO, THIS IS LIKE A REALLY TERRIBLE NY. I AM LITERALLY USING SAME TRAINING MATERIALS WHEN WE LOBBIED AGAINST THE BROWN CUTS IN 2014 AND 13. ALMOST VIRTUALLY THE SAME MESSAGING THAT THIS MAKES NO SENSE AT ALL. MORE PRESSING BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC AS OTHERS

HAVE NOTED.

WHY WOULD THE STATE ON ONE HAND CUT THE PROGRAMS ON THE OTHER HAND IT IS COUNTING ON TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM DYING FROM THE PANDEMIC. BOGGLES THE MIND. AND I CAN'T EXPRESS ENOUGH OUR DISAPPOINTMENT THERE, ANYHOW IN TERMS OF RESPONSE AS OTHERS HAVE SAID, 24/7 ADVOCACY, CONSTANT CONVERSATION WITH BUDGET STAFF, LEGISLATORS, LEADERSHIP. AND COMING UP WITH OTHER ALTERNATIVES

SHOULD NOT BE ON THE PROVIDER COMMUNITY, THIS IS WHAT THE STATE ITSELF, WHAT THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT. HOW WE DO THIS IN A CREATIVE WAY, EVERYONE ACKNOWLEDGES WE ARE IN A ECONOMIC CRISIS, I DON'T THINK WE ARE FOOLING OURSELVES THERE, BUT AS THE SENATE PASSED ITS VERSION OF THE BUDGET , IT WAS ABLE TO BUDGET THAT DID NOT DO IT ON THE BACK OF DISABILITIES AND SENIORS AND CAREGIVERS

THERE ARE WAYS TO DO IT, ANY WAY, 24/7 ADVOCACY WORKS THROUGH THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKENDS, AND COMPLETELY TO A CRISP, BUT THAT IS WHERE WE ARE UNTIL JUNE 15, WE HAVE HAD PHONE BANKING TO LEADERSHIP STAFF OCCURRING ALL OF THIS NOW DONE REMOTELY. WHICH IS A REALLY INTERESTING LESSON OUT OF THE PANDEMIC, REALLY BEING IN A POSITION TO LEARN HOW TO DO PHONE BANKING, LOBBY VISITS, RALLIES, AND, OTHER COLLECTIVE MASS PROTESTS VIRTUALLY.

TEACHING TECHNOLOGY AND SETTING UP WAYS FOR THIS TO BE OCCURRING FROM THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS AND THROUGH THE STATE AND MOST CERTAINLY A GREAT LESSON COMING OUT OF THIS, HOW TO DEVELOP THAT INFRASTRUCTURE TO KEEP GOING, SO THAT IF WE CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE, BECAUSE A LOT OF PROVIDERS HAVE NEVER IN A POSITION WHERE THEY CAN GET IN A BUS AND COME TO SACRAMENTO A LOT OF THEM DO, ALWAYS IMPRESSED ME, COMMITMENT TO COME HERE, MOVED ME TO

NO END A LOT OF OTHERS THAT IS NOT A POSSIBILITY.

HAVING THE VIRTUAL AVENUES FOR PROTEST IS ANOTHER REALLY GOOD SILVER LINING TO THE COVID-19 CLOUD SO THAT PEOPLE CAN ACTUALLY BE ENGAGED THAT ORE WISE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN BEFORE

SO, JUST ING DIFFERENT WAYS TO DO COLLECTIVE PROTESTS, NONCOLLECTIVELY, AND CONTINUING TO PUSH THE LEGISLATURE. AND SEE THE ASSEMBLY ADOPT THE SAME PROPOSALS THE SENATE DID YESTERDAY, SO, WE CAN ALL BE UNITED AND PUSH BACK AGAINST THE ADMINISTRATION, AND FORCE THEM INTO A POSITION TO HAVE TO CHOOSE A DIFFERENT PATH. AND ULTIMATELY I SEE ALSO AS GETTING TO DISCUSSIONS AND CONCEPTS, REALLY THINKING THROUGH, WHAT DO NEW REVENUE PRO SOLS LOOK LIKE, BECAUSE THE REASON THEY WENT AFTER THE PEOPLE THEY HAVE GONE AFTER, IS EASY CUTS, ONES THEY KNOW TO DO, PROGRAMS THAT ARE RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEM, WE NEED TO COME UP WITH TERN INGS FOR THE FUTURE, COVID-19 OR NOT,

THERE IS A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO DON'T PAY THE FAIR SHARE IN TERMS OF WEALTH AND ASSETS AND WE ALL KNOW THIS, GROWING INCOME INEQUALITY THAT RESULTS FROM WEALTH GROWING FASTER THAN WAGES DO, SO, NOW IS THE TIME, IF NOT NOW, WHEN, TO HAVE THE POLITICALLY DIFFICULT COP S ABOUT THE STATE NEEDS TO APPROACH REVENUE COLLECTION DIFFERENTLY. AND NO ONE WANTS TO PAY MORE TAXES MYSELF INCLUDED

BUT THERE IS A LOT OF FOLKS IN THE STATE THE UPPER ECHELON OF ECONOMIC UMM CLASS THAT ARE REALLY NOT PAYING THE SAME RATES AND SAME SHARE THAT THE REST OF US ARE. SO THAT IS WHAT I SEE AS THE POSTJUNE 15 CON COMING OUT OF THIS, AND IF THERE ARE OTHERS ON THIS CALL WHO HAVE THOUGHTS AROUND THAT, INTEREST IN THAT, THAT IS MY KIND OF WHAT WE WILL BE SHIPPING TO, I WOULD LOVE

TO PARTNER WITH PEOPLE MOVING FORWARD. I WILL SEND WITH THAT, THANK YOU

**>> THANK YOU, GOOD INFORMATION AND LESSONS LEARNED, LAST BUT NOT
NEED, WE WILL HAND IT OFF TO YOU TO WRAP IT UP**

**>> OKAY, THANK YOU SO MUCH. YOU KNOW, CALIFORNIA CAREGIVER, I AM
REPRESENTING THE RESOURCE CENTER SYSTEMS, LIKE THE OTHERS PROGRAMS HERE
HAVE BEEN AROUND FOR 40 YEARS. AND, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS IMPORTANT I
KEEP THINKING OF OUR EFFORTS THAT OCCURRED DURING THIS CRISIS AGAIN TOWARD
OUR AGING AND OLDER ADULT SYSTEM AND SYSTEMS THAT HELP PEOPLE WHO DISABLED.
WE ARE TURNING INTO MUSCULOSKELETAL TIERS. ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL.
BECAUSE WE ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO ARE GOING TO BE FIGHTING TO MAINTAIN THE
DIGNITY OF OUR OLDER ADULTS AND CAREGIVERS THERE FOR THEM. ONE OF THE
THINGS THAT THE CAREGIVER RESOURCE CENTERS AND MANY PEOPLE ARE NOT FAMILIAR
WITH THE CENTERS IS THAT OUR PROGRAM IS INTIMATELY WORKS WITH MSSP AND CBAS,
BECAUSE 80% OF CARE FOR OLDER ADULTS AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS IS DONE BY
FAMILY AND FRIEND IN THE COMMUNITY.
UNPAID AND I OFTEN AS WE HEAR ABOUT PEOPLE DOING COVID-19 AND OTHER THINGS,
THIS IS THE TIME WHEN PEOPLE WITH GETTING SOCIALLY ISOLATED, AND THESE ARE
PEOPLE THAT ARE KEEPING OUR OLDER ADULTS OUT OF NURSING HOMES. AND KEEPING
THEM OUT OF THE MEDICAL SYSTEM. AND STEPPED IN DURING THIS TIME, AND BEEN
THERE CONSISTENTLY WITHOUT RECOGNITION.
FOR OUR CENTER, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE WE ARE ADVOCATING
BECAUSE THIS REPRESENTS US GOING BACK TO 2009 WHICH REPRESENTED AN 82 IN**

SOME CASES 90% CUT, WHICH WE HAVE BEEN FLAT BUDGETED SINCE THEN AND THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE ARE ABLE TO BRING BACK SERVICES

SO DURING THE PERIOD OF COVID-19, AN EXAMPLE, STATEWIDE WE WERE ABLE TO DO 14 THOUSAND CHECK IN CALLS TO OVER 9 THOUSAND FAMILY CAREGIVERS WHO ARE ISOLATED OR TAKING CARE OF AN OLD ADULT, AND TRYING TO FIGURE OUT, HOW DO I GET TO MY RELATIVE?

I DON'T WANT TO PUT THEM AT RISK AND I DON'T WANT TO PUT MYSELF ON RISK. AND NOW THEY ARE IN LOCK DOWN. AND WE ARE FINDING OF COURSE OTHER THING IS MANY OF THEM NO LONGER GET PPE'S.

AND YOU KNOW, WE ARE JUST STRUGGLING AND STRUGGLING, STRUGGLING WITH THE FAMILY CAREGIVERS.

WE WERE ABLE TO CHANGE OUR MODEL, WE ALREADY WERE MOVING TOWARDS ONLINE, AND ALWAYS GONE IN THE HOME USUALLY, BUT NOW, LIE ALL OF THE OTHER PROGRAMS WE COULD NOT GO INTO THE HOME ANYMORE. ONLINE, BUT ALSO FOR THE RESPITE. PEOPLE COULD NOT BRING SOMEBODY INTO THEIR HOME TO PROVIDE RESPITE.

COULD NOT GO TO A PROGRAM ANY LONGER. AND NOW. FOR THE CAREGIVERS SOME HAVE CHILDREN AT HOME AND AN OLD ADULT, THEY ARE ED AND DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO

WE ARE ABLE TO INCLUDE MEALS FOR A WHILE FOR THESE MA'AMLY MEMBERS THAT MAY NOT QUALIFY FOR ANYTHING ELSE BUT STILL NEED TO KEEP PULLING OUT OF POCKET FOR MORE THINGS. AND NOW THEIR SANDWICH GENERATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND OLDER PEOPLE ALL UNDER THE SAME ROOF AND NEED THAT ADDITIONAL COUNSELING NOW THE COUNSELING HOURS HAVE GONE UP AND DURING SINCE THE STAY AT HOME IN PLACE WE PROBABLY HAVE OVER 6 HUNDRED HOURS OF DIRECT SERVICE COUNSELING FOR THE FAMILY MEMBERS. ONE CORRECTION WE ARE NOT UNDER AGING OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND NOT PART OF THE AREA OF AGING. OVER ALL AND WHAT I AM HEARING YOU KNOW I THINK WE ARE ALL HEARING, THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO WEAKEN OUR SUPPORT SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS AND FAMILIES. THIS IS THE TIME WHEN WE REALLY HAVE TO--I MEAN UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND WHAT WE STARTED TALKING ABOUT IN JANUARY, WE NEED TO THESE SERVICES, THAT IS WHY WE STARTED THE MASTER PLAN FOR AGING. WE ARE ALL AGING, SO, THESE CUTS ARE THINGS THAT ARE NOT JUST CUTTING FOR THE CURRENT POPULATION OF OLDER ADULTS, AND THEIR CAREGIVERS, THIS IS OUR FUTURE THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT, THIS IS THE FUTURE OF OUR PARENTS AND OUR GRANDPARENTS AND OUR CHILDREN, IF THESE SERVICES GO AWAY NOW, WE ARE NOT GOING TO SEE THEM COME BACK, WE KNOW HOW DIFFICULT IT IS WHEN THE SERVICE IS ELIMINATED OR CUT TO BARE BONES, CAN'T CONTINUE TO BE SUPPORTIVE YET WE LOOK AT THE PLAN, ALL OF THE SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN PROPOSED ARE THE ONES WE ARE SEEING. THEY ARE ALL OF THE ONES WE ARE SEEING AND EXPECT TO USE TO DO AN EXCELLENT PLAN FOR AGING OTHER THE NEXT TEN YEARS. SO WE ARE TAKING OUT THE FOUNDATION, WHICH IS WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED, SO, YES WE HAVE TO SPEAK UP ACROSS THE BOARD, AND THIS IS THE ALL FOR ONE, AND ONE FOR ALL MOMENT, AND I THINK THIS IS WHAT WE WILL BE CHARGING FORWARD TO BETWEEN NOW AND THE 15TH WE HAVE TO SPEAK UP, BECAUSE MOST OF THE TIME, OUR FAMILY MEMBERS OUR OLDER ADULTS, AND PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC--THEY ARE NOT SPEAKING UP FOR THEMSELVES, BUT I THINK IF WE THINK ABOUT FAMILIES AND ENGAGE FAMILIES ACROSS GENERATIONS, PEOPLE WILL BEGIN TO SPEAK UP ACROSS THE BOARD FOR THEIR FAMILIES. SO, I END THERE, I KNOW WE ARE RUNNING OVER TIME.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, GREAT INFORMATION I KNOW WE ARE A LITTLE BIT OVER TIME, HOPEFULLY, LOOKS LIKE SOME PEOPLE ARE HANGING ON. I WILL SUMMARIZE THE COMMENTS GOING THROUGH, WHAT IS JUSTIFICATION FOR DOING THIS, AND YOU KNOW THESE CUTS AT A TIME WHEN PEOPLE NEED THE SERVICES MORE THAN EVER FOR YOU KNOW AS YOU SAID. SAFETY NET PROGRAMS THAT ARE REALLY GOING TO KEEP THESE PEOPLE HEALTHIER AND SO KIND OF SUPPORTING THAT, THAT YOU KNOW SENTIMENT AND ALL COMING TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE WE ARE NOT PREVENTING ACCESS THROUGH PROVIDER AND PROGRAM CUTS ONE QUESTION I WANT TO ASK THAT I THINK IS MOST RELEVANT FOR FOLKS IMMEDIATELY IS THERE STILL TIME TO CALL SENATORS AND ASSEMBLY MEMBERS, KEY LIST OF FOLKS TO BE TARGETING? WHAT DO THOSE WANT TO SHARE WITH THAT ON THE ADVOCACY EFFORTS.

>> SO, RIGHT NOW, ENERGY SHOULD GO TO THE ASSEMBLY, I THINK LIZ MIGHT HAVE DROPPED OFF. SO ENERGY I THINK INTO BLUE RIGHT NOW. WE DON'T HAVE A RELEASE YET TO REACT TO. WHERE WE DIRECT IT AND THEN TO THE GOVERNOR AS WELL.

>> WE ARE GOING TO SAME THING.

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>> I E-MAILED THE LINK TO SEND TO EVERYBODY SO PEOPLE CAN GET INVOLVED AND WRITE LETTER OF THEIR OWN IN ADDITION TO MEMBERS WE HAVE

>> WE WILL SEND AND PULL DOWN ALL OF THE E-MAILS THAT HAVE JOINED AND FOLLOW UP E-MAIL WITH THE LINKS
IN ADDITION I THINK WE GOT REQUESTS FOR OUT LINE FROM JUSTICE AND AGING ABOUT THE CUTS. SO WE WILL INCLUDE THAT AS WELL.

>> CAN I ADD, ONE QUICK THING, THIS IS CLAIRE, I REALLY APPRECIATE CHRISTINA MILLS E-MAILED TO MAKE SURE I INCLUDED THAT THE INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS ALSO RECEIVED PROPOSED CUT OF 2.1 MILLION. REPRESENTS 20% CUT. TALKS ABOUT OFFSETS BUT AROUND COVID-19 AND CANNOT BACK FILL, ANOTHER CUT TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST BECAUSE OF GREAT SERVICES THEY PROVIDE. ONE CLARIFICATION AROUND THE SENATE TRIGGER. THEY USE THAT LANGUAGE BUT THE WAY IT IS LAID OUT THEY ARE NOT TRIGGERING PROGRAM CUTS THAT THE FEDERAL FUNDS COME THROUGH, INSTEAD THEY HAVE A LIST OF ACTIONS AND SORT OF DIFFERENT THINGS THEY ARE GOING TO TAKE, AND DIVERSIONS THEY ARE GOING TO USE IF THEY DON'T COME THROUGH, CONFUSION ABOUT THAT, I AM HAPPY TO TALK OFFLINE, EVEN THOUGH IT SAYS THAT, THEY ARE NOT TIED TO PROGRAM CUT TRIGGERS, BUT DIFFERENT TYPE OF FILL IN RESOURCES AND REVENUES IF THE FEDERAL MONEY DOESN'T COME THROUGH.

>> THANK YOU FOR THAT, CONGRESSMEN ON THAT AND THANK YOU FOR THE CLARIFICATION. I THINK A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT THE JUSTIFICATION, AND I HOW

**DID THEY JUSTIFY THESE CUTS OVER OTHER CUTS MENTIONING REVENUE AND
ANYBODY HAVE THOUGHTS ON THAT?**

**>> I WOULD SAY I THINK IT WAS SAID ELEGANTLY EARLIER THEY WENT BACK TO
AN OLDER PLAY BOOK I DON'T THINK ANYBODY HAD TIME TO REALLY THINK THIS
THROUGH.**

**>> YEA, I THINK THAT IS CORRECT. I THINK THAT THIS WAS WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN YOU APPROACH BUDGET DEFICITS WHEN YOU JUST LOOK AT GEE TARGETS
AND GO FROM THERE. STUDY IS IMPORTANT FOR ADVOCACY EFFORTS. THEY HAVE
VOTED TO DO A GOOD THING BUT KEEP THAT PRESSURE ON. IT IS NOT DONE UNTIL IT
IS DONE AND LEADERSHIP AND THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT MAKE DECISION ON
AGREEMENT.
PRESSURE ON ALL SIDES IS JUST VITAL.**

**>> OKAY, WE ARE FIVE MINUTES OVER AND FOLKS HAVE TO MOVE ON AND
DROPPING OFF. WE DID NOT GET TO YOUR QUESTION, FEEL FREE TO FOLLOW UP,
REMINDER IT IS RECORDED. AND THIS WILL BE POSTED, IF THERE IS THINGS YOU
WANT TO CATCH THAT YOU DID NOT HEAR, FEEL FREE TO GO WAC AND SEND US ANY
THOUGHTS OR QUESTIONS, I WANT TO THANK YOU PANEL.
WE GOT COMMENTS ABOUT WHAT A GREAT PANEL IT WAS, AND GREAT INFORMATION YOU
SHARED. A LOT OF COVER AND APPRECIATE YOU COMING TOGETHER AND NEXT TIME
LEAVE TIME FOR Q AND A, AND LOTS OF QUESTIONS AND FOLLOW UP WITH LINKS TO
MATERIALS AND RESOURCES AND HAVE A OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THIS
AS WE GO FORWARD.**

THANK YOU TALK TO YOU SOON.