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My name is Crystal Harding, and I serve as Program Lead for the Black Child Legacy Campaign, Liberty Towers Community Incubator for the North Highlands, Foothill Farms, McClellan, Antelope and surrounding neighborhoods. It has come to my attention that the recently proposed state budget by Governor Newsom for FY 2020-21 plans to eliminate the Dental Managed Care program in Sacramento County. **I strongly urge you to join me in actively opposing this provision which would eliminate the Denti-Cal Managed Care (DMC) Program in Sacramento County.**

The dental managed care plans provide easy access and highly needed navigation assistance to our high need, otherwise underserved community members. The dental plans are always willing to go the extra step to make sure the community knows they are here to help with any dental issues, questions or concerns they have. They have participated in our community events, supplied toothbrush kits to our clients & given education presentations to our staff members, as well as our program participants over the years. The momentum is shifting in Sacramento County for dental to where people know who to call in order to get access to care. Now we, as a community, can move towards a societal shift in helping people understand why oral health is so important.

If these dental plans, our close, key community partners, are taken from our Sacramento community members now, this will lead to a huge burden being put on our community members. They will be faced with taking on dental care coordination themselves. To a society that is already faced with mountainous daily struggles just to sustain the life they have, taking away these partners, this resource, will hurt them tremendously.

Please oppose the budget elimination of the dental managed care plans for the sake of our community members. Thank you for your time and consideration, we greatly appreciate your support! If you have any questions about Liberty Towers, Impact Sac or our programs, please contact me at 916.320.8846 or crystal@libertytowers.org.

Sincerely,

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