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Governor Gavin Newsom  
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Dear Governor Newsom:

We have heard about a dental proposal being considered at the State and we strongly oppose it. Your 2020 budget calls for the elimination of the Dental Managed Care (DMC) program in Los Angeles and Sacramento Counties. It would be devastating.

I am President of the Los Angeles County Labor Federation, AFL-CIO and represent community members who are low-income; many are immigrants and refugees. We work with several Denti-Cal plans in this program.

Additionally, there are 250 good Teamsters Union jobs at stake with this elimination at LIBERTY Dental Plan. LIBERTY understands how to serve our diverse communities in a linguistically appropriate and culturally competent manner. We work closely together and LIBERTY goes above and beyond.

Many of our community members do not qualify for oral health benefits. LIBERTY does not ignore them. LIBERTY shows up. Its talented workforce — our neighbors and friends — provides community education and it's free for everyone. The company also participates in our County's Early Smiles Program and provides free dental screening in schools.

For the sake of the most needy working families, I respectfully ask that you reconsider the elimination of DMC in Los Angeles and Sacramento Counties.

In Solidarity,

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