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RE: OPPOSITION TO ELIMINATE LOS ANGELES COUNTY "PHP" DMC PROGRAM

Dear State Representative: Anthony Rendon,

I am writing, as a local dentist, in opposition to a provision in the recently proposed FY 2020-21 State Budget. I urge you, as our representative, to oppose eliminating the DMC program in Los Angeles.

I have been in practice in Los Angeles for 30+ years, am a member of the ADA/CDA and have been a part of LIBERTY Dental Plan (LIBERTY) for more than 12 years as a General practice for adults, children, and families in the LA PHP program.

I am happy and proud of the work I have been doing for my patients in partnership with LIBERTY. We work together to help make sure the patients' needs are met. We jointly coordinate care and take responsibility for ensuring the highest quality oral health care is delivered so that my patients can access care on a continuous basis. Moreover, LIBERTY is committed to our community. It provides educational opportunities, screenings, and other programs FREE OF CHARGE for community members — regardless of whether someone is insured by LIBERTY.

The proposal to eliminate the Los Angeles County DMC Program completely contradicts the major tenet of the State's new and groundbreaking Medi-Cal Healthy CA for All Initiative. Please do not let this happen to our most vulnerable community members.

Thank you for your consideration.

If you or your staff has any questions, I can be reached at 562-860-7116

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