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

Dear State Senator Maria Elena Durazo,

I am writing, as a local dentist, in opposition to a provision in the recently proposed FY 2020-21 State Budget. **I strongly urge you, as my State Senator to join me in actively opposing this provision which would eliminate the Denti-Cal Managed Care (DMC) Program in Los Angeles County.**

I have been in practice in Los Angeles for over 20 years, am a member of the ADA/CDA/LADS and have been a part of LIBERTY Dental Plan (LIBERTY) for more than ten years in General practice for adults, children, and families in the LA PHP program.

I am proud of the work I am doing for my patients in partnership with LIBERTY. We work closely together to help ensure the needs of my patients 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.

If you or your staff has any questions, I can be reached at 323-731-0801

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JTB', written over a horizontal line.

James T. Black, Jr., DDS