

Attention:

My name is Gabriela Esquivel and I am the Master Preschool Teacher of the Child and Family Studies Center and I am an advocate for my community.

We have heard about a bad dental proposal being considered at the State and we strongly oppose it. Please do not support the elimination of our managed care dental plans in Los Angeles County. It would be devastating.

We represent community members who are low-income; many are immigrants and refugees. We work with several Denti-Cal plans in this program. One stands above all of them and that is LIBERTY Dental Plan. LIBERTY's coverage is affordable and high quality.

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 oral health education programs and provides free dental screening and education in schools. I believe that the program should continue to assist families with children who are in the spectrum whom otherwise would not be able to get resources like this one.

Please lend your strong leadership and all voice to activity help us all ensure this valuable program is not cut. Affordable and high quality dental care for thousands of children, adults, and families cannot be taken away from us.

Thank you.

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