

The Honorable Mark Leno
Chair, Senate Sub-Committee #3
California State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento CA 95814

Via Fax 916-445-4722

[Date]

Dear Senator Leno:

Sample Letter. USE YOUR OWN WORDS!

We urge you to reject the Governor's proposed elimination of Adult Day Health Care as a Medi-Cal benefit. We estimate that elimination of ADHC will cost the state an additional \$221.4 M in State General Funds because 40% of the beneficiaries we care for will end up placed within six months in more expensive nursing facilities or psychiatric facilities, usually after an emergency room visit and hospital stay. These additional costs will be ongoing for the State during future budget years.

The Institute on Aging ADHC serves over 130 elderly chronically ill and disabled beneficiaries in our community. We have been a resource in the community for over 30 years. [Mention some of the benefits of the program].

ADHC has been a cornerstone of home and community-based services in California for 30 years. It should be a priority to protect our elderly from harm during this fiscal crisis. We respectfully ask you to keep ADHC as a benefit for the elderly and disabled in California.

Sincerely,

[Your name]

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Senator Denise Ducheny, Budget Chair
Senator Bob Dutton, Vice-Chair
Senator Roy Ashburn
Senator Elaine Alquist
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