

The Honorable **Senator/Assemblymember [enter full name]**
State Capitol- Room **[enter number]**
Sacramento, CA **[enter zip code]**

[Date]

Dear **Senator/Assemblymember [enter last name]**

My name is **[enter your name]** and I reside in the city of **[enter your city]**. I strongly support services to all persons with developmental disabilities. As a **parent/consumer/service provider** I am thankful for the services that have been available to **[name of consumer]**.

On behalf of the constituents who live in your district, we urge you and your colleagues in Sacramento to continue to support the developmental disabilities community. I would like to request your support on three key issues supported by the Lanterman Coalition:

Key Issue 1: A 10% across the board increase in funding increase now for service providers and Regional Centers.

Key Issue 2: California's service system needs a 5% annual increase while work is ongoing to prevent the temporary gains of the 10% increase from being eroded.

Key Issue 3: There needs to be Reform with the "Core Staffing Formula" which creates regional center operational budgets. Service provider rates have been frozen for over a decade and the core staffing formula has not been updated since 1991. This reform guarantees that future funding levels are both adequate and sustainable. Programs will continue to close if these issues are not addressed.

[Brief paragraph about your family (attach a picture of yourself or your child)]

We appreciate all of your effort and support in the past for persons with developmental disabilities and others who need the most help in our communities. We look forward to your continued support for not only for my family but for the thousands of other families who rely on the valued services provided to their loved ones.

Respectfully,

[Your name/signature]

[Enter your complete address]