

American Academy of Pediatrics

DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH OF ALL CHILDREN™



California Chapter 4

The Honorable Darrell Steinberg
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Darrell Steinberg,

The Governor recently proposed diverting 50 percent of local funding for children's programs in our community. California Chapter 4, American Academy of Pediatrics is a recipient of these funds in Orange County. The funds are voter approved resources, Proposition 10, designed to meet the needs of children under age 5 in local communities.

California Chapter 4, American Academy of Pediatrics is a 501(c) 3 community benefit organization serving Orange County, California, and an affiliate of the National American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). The mission of California Chapter 4 is to achieve optimal health for all Orange County children by promoting pediatric excellence.

We are deeply committed to improving the health of children and diminishing health disparities and our programs and services strongly support a commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles and improving the lives of the underserved in Orange County.

Our 500 members work in a wide range of settings, including community and school-based clinics, private practice sectors, public health agencies, child abuse prevention agencies, university and hospital-based facilities. They comprise both general community pediatricians in large and small group practices, and pediatric subspecialists in the fields of Endocrinology, Pulmonology, Orthopedics, Cardiology, Gastroenterology, Ophthalmology, Nephrology, Neonatology, Pediatric Emergency Medicine and Neurology.

We also collaborate with Orange County safety net providers and healthcare funders to strengthen and improve existing healthcare delivery systems and services. Our partners include the Children and Families Commission of Orange County, UCI Medical Center, the Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC), the Early Literacy Network, Healthy Smiles for Kids in Orange County, the Coalition of Orange County Community Clinics, several school districts and public agencies.

Over the past 24 years, we have demonstrated our ability to provide much-needed, quality health services for children and families. We have effectively maximized our limited resources by employing best practices, recruiting and supporting volunteers and staff, and establishing community partnerships. We rely on the Proposition 10 funds to operate our vital programs.

While we understand the need to responsibly balance the state budget, we strongly oppose it being done on the backs of children and their families. The programs funded by Proposition 10, including the program described in this letter, fill gaps in the system and provide critical services otherwise not offered. The needs of many of the children served by Proposition 10 funding would go neglected or be greatly diminished if these local funds were eliminated.

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We know you share our concern and commitment to the children of California. Therefore we urge you to oppose any attempt to eliminate or divert Proposition 10 funding at the local level.

We appreciate being able to express our concern, and thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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