

Date

The Honorable Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula
Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Susan Talamantes Eggman
Chair, Senate Budget Subcommittee #3
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **Caregiver Resource Centers Budget Ask - SUPPORT-\$12M for Time-Limit of Three Years**

Dear Assemblymember Arambula and Senator Eggman:

(Please put in a sentence about who you are (e.g., I am a caregiver for my mother with Alzheimer's disease or I work with family caregivers in San Diego). I strongly support strengthening the Caregiver Resource Centers (CRCs) to increase their impact on California's 4.7 million family caregivers who provide \$63 billion in unpaid labor to keep loved ones in their own homes, delaying or avoiding nursing home placements.

COVID-19 has increased family caregiver responsibilities and amplified caregiving burdens. Added stressors have hit all caregivers hard and hit Black and Latino communities even harder. Extending the CRCs augmentation of \$10 million per year for an additional 2 years beyond the original sunset date (to June 2024) will allow them to continue expanding personalized, compassionate, and evidence-based services to family caregivers, more than half of whom work outside the home in addition to working as unpaid caregivers at home.

Adding \$2 million per year will allow the CRCs to expand their capacities to develop and implement a statewide diversity and inclusion corps to focus on underserved caregiver groups (English language limited, ethnically diverse, young, LGBTQ and those who provide complex care).

As California continues to promote home- and community-based care through the Master Plan for Aging and waiver programs, the importance and needs of family caregivers will only continue to expand. Alzheimer's and other dementias that increase in an aging society require healthy and capable caregivers to provide competent care.

Thank you for your support of the California Caregiver Resource Centers (CRCs).

Sincerely,

Your name

Cc: Assemblymembers Jim Frazier, Devon Mathis, Jim Patterson, James Ramos, Blanca Rubio, Jim Wood, Phil Ting, Adrin Nazarian;

Senators Melissa A. Melendez, Richard Pan, Nancy Skinner, Jim Nielsen, Toni Atkins, Scott Wilk;

Will Lightbourn, Director, DHCS