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Robert Genuario, Secretary
Office of Policy and Management
450 Capitol Ave.
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Secretary Genuario:

I want to thank you for your continuing commitment to the concerns of community providers during the current budget process.

I appreciate your assurances to me, on the last day of this year's legislative session, that Governor Rell considers the functions we perform to be essential state services and the added assurance that we will receive supplemental funding in the event that there is no budget agreement by the start of the next fiscal year.

As you know, many provider agencies will have difficulty meeting their payrolls if state funding is halted because of the lack of a budget agreement. Your commitment to emergency funding is very much appreciated.

The provider system is stretched to near the breaking point. A third consecutive year with no funding increase to cover the rising cost of services will be very difficult on community providers and many of the governor's constituents. The Governor's supplemental budget which includes a 1% reduction in funding for private providers, a 1% reduction in Medicaid rates, and other human services cuts would be devastating.

On behalf of the 500,000 individuals who rely on community providers for essential services and supports, we hope that the Governor will reverse her proposal to cut this vital funding.

Thank you again for your assurances on interim emergency funding for essential services.

Sincerely,

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