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Dear Friends of The Arc of San Diego

The Department of Developmental Services made recommendations to the Legislature that we believe could spell the end of the Lanterman Act. We need your help today to make sure our elected officials know that these cuts would be devastating to thousands of Californians with developmental disabilities.

The Lanterman Act guarantees services to people with developmental disabilities. The proposed cuts would mean:

- Children currently receiving early intervention services in our Parent / Infant program may not be eligible for those same services tomorrow. Studies have shown that Early Intervention Services save the State \$3.00 for every \$1.00 spent.
- Adults with developmental disabilities would no longer have a choice in the programs they currently participate but will be the least costly instead of the program that best meets their needs. This could affect their ability to work and earn income costing the State additional tax revenue.
- Respite services for adults may be totally eliminated. This can lead to an increase in residential placements costing the State over \$60,000 per year vs. the average \$2,700 per year spent per person on Respite services.

Please contact your Legislators and the Governor **today** to make sure they understand what these proposed cuts could mean and tell them to preserve services for persons with developmental disabilities. Do not cut any more services.

**Tell the Legislators and Governor in your own words:**

- Additional cuts to community services for people with developmental disabilities will cause unacceptable harm and threaten health and safety. Our community has given enough!
- Support alternatives to bring in more federal funds, seek savings in state-run developmental centers, and generate revenues to pay for the supports our children and families need.

While it is important to contact both Democrats and Republicans it is most important to target the Republican members of the Assembly and Senate to let them know that they need to oppose these changes.

The Arc of San Diego empowers persons with disabilities, and their families. Our priority has always been and will continue to be the people that we serve. We thank you for your support and action during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Hoehn".

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**Call, write or fax (don't e-mail) short letters to the following key decision-makers. Be sure to give them your address so they know you live in their districts. All letter sent should be sent to:**

**State Capital  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

- Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, 916-445-2841, 916-558-3161 (fax)
- Senator Dennis Hollingsworth (R-East County ), 916-651-4036, 916-447-9008 (fax)
- Senator Mark Wyland (R-Carlsbad), 916-651-4038 , 916-446-7382 (fax)
- Assemblyman Joel Anderson (R-El Cajon), 916-319-2077, 916-319-2177 (fax)
- Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries, (R-Riverside), 916-319-2066, 916-319-2166 (fax)
- Senator Denise Ducheny (D-San Diego), 916-651-4040, 916-327-3522 (fax)
- Senator Christine Kehoe (D-San Diego), 916-351-4039, 916-327-2188 (fax)
- Assemblywoman Lori Saldana (D-San Diego), 916-319-2076, 916-319-2176 (fax)
- Assemblyman Marty Block (D-San Diego), 916-319-2078, 916-319-2178 (fax)
- Assemblywoman Mary Salas (D-Chula Vista),916- 319-2079, 916- 319-2179 (fax)
- Assemblywoman Noreen Evans,(D-Santa Rosa) 916-319-2007, 916-319-2107 (fax),
- Senator Robert Dutton, (R-Riverside) 916-651-4031, 916-327-2272 (fax)
- Senator Mark Leno,(D-San Francisco) 916-651-4003, 916-445-4722 (fax)
- Senator Alan Lowenthal (D-Long Beach), 916-51-4027, 916-27-9113 (fax)
- Senator Mimi Walters, (R- Laguna Hills) 916-651-4033, 916-445-9754 (fax)
- Assemblyman Roger Niello, (R-Sacramento) 916-319-2005, 916-319-2105 (fax),
- Assemblyman Kevin de Leon, (D- Los Angeles) 916-319-2045, 916-319-2145 (fax),
- Assemblyman Bob Blumenfield, (D-Van Nuys) 916-319-2040, 916-319-2140 (fax),
- Assemblyman Jim Nielsen, (D-Redding) 916-319-2002, 916-319-2102 (fax),

**Please call all of them now. And please forward this Action Alert far and wide.**