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Hello,

My name is Adrienne Rimoldi, I manage the Temporary Employment Services Department for UC Davis, the largest employer in Yolo County. I am writing today regarding the potential cuts to Yolo County Workforce Development Programs.

As an employer, the Yolo Works program has been instrumental in our workforce development. Although the positions I fill for UC Davis are temporary, many of these temporary positions lead to long term career employment with the University. We partner with Yolo Works regularly for Job Talks, Job Fairs, Candidate Referrals, and we also refer candidates to Yolo Works who may need assistance with resume building, interview practice, job applications and various other resources. These services are critical to our local community for so many reasons. Below is MY personal STORY.

As an individual, I was a client of workforce development programs back in the early 2000s (2006-2008). I was a single mother of two, receiving cash aid, food stamps, childcare subsidies, medical insurance and much more. I was close to timing out on my welfare benefits when I was assessed through an appraisal process for additional support, specifically support to go to college. I was approved and started attending full time at Woodland Community College. While I attended school I volunteered in the Employment Center (AJCC) checking people in, showing them various services, helping people submit applications etc. I participated in Career Exploration, Resume Builder, Interview Techniques workshops, then I was able to help facilitate those classes. Later, I learned (through AJCC), that I could qualify as a Paraprofessional for WJUSD and I started working as a SPED substitute all throughout WJUSD. I later landed a position with the American Red Cross in Woodland, through Elaine Lytle, who I reported to at Yolo County HHSA during my service. She set a meeting with the hiring manager, took my resume with her, and negotiated a Work Experience contract with them so the county would subsidize 80% of my wages. **I would not have landed that job without her support and these programs.**

I worked for the American Red Cross for about 3 years, then when they closed their Woodland Chapter, I was blessed to land a job with Adecco Staffing in Woodland. This job paid a little more, then a little more, and I began to receive bonuses which eventually led my benefits being transitioned out. I didn't have to rely on Public Assistance, because now I was making enough money to get by and pay my bills on my own.

Fast forward to today- I manage the Temporary Employment Service for UC Davis, UC Davis Health & UC ANR (mind blown!) never thought I would walk into the rooms I am being invited into. I present in front of crowds with high level government officials, chancellors, executive directors as well as community members, job applicants etc etc. I speak of my experience frequently promoting workforce development programs and services to remind people like me that "if I can do it, then can do it too!" I just gave a presentation at Aggie Square in Sacramento on 4/30 where I referenced how Yolo Works helped me learn all of the tips and tricks I pass on to candidates today to help them with their employment search.

The bottom line is NONE OF THIS could have happened without Workforce Development in Yolo County. These programs helped me realize my potential, break some generational cycles and pass down what I learned to my children. Both children I raised while on assistance are grown; my son works full time and is expecting his first child and my daughter just opened a small business in downtown Woodland and is continuing her education with WCC. They save their money, have good credit and are growing into amazing self-supporting, productive members of society. We do not rely on any government assistance anymore. **This is exactly what these programs and for!**

There are many more people like me who have used these programs and services to turn their lives around. Reducing them would be detrimental to our community.

Thank you for reading.

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