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Dear Board Chair Allen, and Members of the Board,

Thank you for taking a moment to hear/read these words, and those of my colleagues, facing similar challenges. I will not even broach the impact on clients served, though many of us may soon have a new PATID.

I am not a lifelong resident, nor have I worked for the county for decades. I didn't even go to UC Davis. I am simply a full time parent, with an elementary-aged child at a WJUSD school, paying rent, shopping locally (when possible), definitely investing in local healthcare, we participate in local sports/camps (YMCA, City of Woodland Rec, Vitality Martial Arts, Little Leagues), hike in the hills, play and nature-watch at our regional parks and preserves, and greet all of our neighbors, even those who feel unseen. I happen to be a County employee, I invest in my small family, and make an effort to help others when able.

If these significant cuts are made, **58** families in our community will lose the ability to **participate** in our community. **58** families, with stronger ties than I. **58** families with kids about to be on summer break, hoping to shop at one of our farmer's markets, or follow the Library's bookmobile around like one of our many roadside vendors...**58** families will do what? Pull kids from extracurriculars, from summer camp? Cut back on groceries and hope to find cheap deals at box stores? Stop paying mortgage or rent, move? **58** families who may have been here for generations, cut from providing health and HUMAN services to their communities. **58** families who will then ask how are **they** to provide for their families, when they KNOW our community health has been stripped of services, local community based organizations are desperately seeking solutions. There is no safety net. **58** families are just the beginning.

This is not the time for slash and burn. This is not the time to erase the workforce that keeps essential services flowing. This is not the time to drain remaining resources (yes, remaining employees are your resources). This IS the time to systematically review what is working, where are gaps, how can we support a skeleton crew, what is an innovative approach to our challenges. This IS the time to analyze true cost savings in this new world, in THIS community, not return to 'previous times' in hopes of turning back the clock on mistakes made.

58 families is just the start. **118 cuts** overall. By the holidays, any staff remaining will be diligently watching the news and emails for how many more millions of dollars will need to be cut by June 2027.

I am just one person, one employee. A small household of two. We are thriving while overcoming trauma. We are thriving while navigating disabilities. This work environment has significantly contributed to my wellbeing (or lack thereof, most times), and yet we persist. I have even returned to school to gain clinical licensure to grow within my role, and eventually contribute in more significant ways towards healing families. Yolo County will be losing people,

like me, they will be cutting people, like me. Parents, like me, will be asking where their kids will attend school in the Fall. We are shouldering the punishment for the actions of poor oversight, gaps in leadership, and other factors that contributed to this significant deficit, while on the brink of a catastrophic series of lawsuits. **58** families.

In health,

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