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Good morning- I have been a resident of Yolo County since 1986 and an employee since 2005. Over the years, it has always been said by Managers & Directors that lay offs would be the last resort in a budget crisis- this doesn't feel that way.

Why are we placeholding millions of dollars for legal matters pertaining to the Fireworks tragedy? We have Attorneys & Public Defenders that are already paid for this, as well as insurance to cover damages.

Why are we not discussing cutting contracts or furloughs or Golden Handshakes before cutting people? Why are we cutting filled positions when so many more are vacant?

My classification is on the list- ESS Program Supervisor- but we don't have a hierarchy list so hopefully my job is not in jeopardy- THIS YEAR.

My main objective is to keep my team within COMPLIANCE & SUPPORT their success- as well as assist clients on the phone & in the lobby.

As a Program Supervisor, I always have a couple tickets pending at a given time for interpretation of regulations, system problems, or client situations.

Which leads me to the importance of analysts in our department. We work together to issue benefits to clients. They are imperative in the day to day.

All the changes to MC/CF coming from the current administration (see Soua's presentation) are researched, taught & clarified by analysts. They help me & all staff understand the changes. They create memos, trainings & guide implementation so we can be accurate determining eligibility. They also troubleshoot & reboot systems when they stop working.

Without accuracy in our jobs, we fall out of compliance- that means we are not within the guidelines set by the state & federal government- and FUNDING CAN BE TAKEN AWAY.

Clerical support is essential for the smooth running of our teams- they greet & route hundreds of clients each week- on phones as well as in person.

I feel like we are a well-oiled machine, completing all our duties successfully right now.

To eliminate any filled positions would be a great disservice to our clients, internal as well as external, our partners and especially our staff.

Thank you.

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