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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

Good afternoon.

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed layoffs of Social Service Assistants (SSAs) along with other staff and the significant impact this decision could have on both agency operations and, most importantly, the children and families we serve.

Over the past two weeks alone, I have worked more than 105 hours, including 36.5 hours of overtime. This workload was manageable only because of the support provided by our Social Service Assistants. Their contributions are essential to the functioning of our agency and allow social workers to focus on critical child welfare responsibilities.

I respectfully disagree with statements suggesting by upper management that eliminating SSA positions will not impact the community. From my firsthand experience, the loss of these positions will have substantial consequences. Social workers are already carrying heavy caseloads and working extensive overtime. Removing SSA support will only increase these demands, creating additional strain on staff and increasing burnout, turnover, and overtime costs for the County.

This is not simply an employee issue—it is a child safety issue. When social workers become overwhelmed, response times, documentation, family engagement, and overall service delivery can be negatively affected. The children and families we serve deserve a system that is adequately staffed and supported.

I am also concerned by reports that upper management has been heard expressing confidence that the budget will be approved regardless of employee and community input. Whether intended or not, comments of this nature can create the perception that the voices of frontline employees are not being heard. During a time when employees are facing uncertainty and potential job loss, professionalism, transparency, and respect are critical.

I urge the Board to carefully consider the perspectives of the employees performing this work every day. Frontline staff witness firsthand the demands of the system, the needs of the

families we serve, and the consequences of staffing reductions. Unfortunately working until 12AM-1AM is not a rarity. Decisions regarding staffing should be made with a full understanding of the operational realities and the potential impact on child safety and service delivery.

I respectfully ask that you consider the children, families, and employees who will be affected by these layoffs. The loss of Social Service Assistants will have real and lasting consequences, and I fear those consequences will be felt most by the vulnerable children our agency is entrusted to protect.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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