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Honorable Dr. Corey Jackson, Chair
Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2
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Honorable Caroline Menjivar, Chair
Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Sub. No. 3
1021 O Street, Suite 6720
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Re: IHSS Back-Up Provider System (BUPS) Funding Elimination - OPPOSE

Dear Assembly Member Jackson and Senator Menjivar:

The California Association of Public Authorities for In Home Supportive Services (CAPA) is writing to express our concern and opposition for the Governor's May Revise elimination of the Back-Up Provider System (BUPS) Funding. The In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program provides vital services to over 750,000 older adults and individuals with disabilities to help them remain safely in their own homes by receiving care from family, friends, or qualified caregiver(s) from the Public Authority Registry. The BUPS program provides short term IHSS from back-up providers to recipients because their regular providers are unavailable or because the recipient is transitioning to home-based care and does not yet have an identified provider. Additionally, back-up providers receive a \$2.00 per hour wage differential.

Over the last few years an increased need for back-up providers was recognized and permanently funded by the Administration as a result of IHSS consumers increased need for services when their regular provider was suddenly unavailable due to illness or emergency. While we understand that there is a serious budget deficit, the demand for this service will not go away and Public Authorities will still receive urgent calls for back-up providers. This places a significant strain on the IHSS program and leaves IHSS recipients in a vulnerable and potentially life-threatening condition.

As outlined and projected in the Master Plan on Aging, the demand for qualified caregivers continues to grow as well as the need for back-up providers. This service not only saves lives, but it saves the state from more costly alternatives such as IHSS consumers needing hospitalization or urgent care.

We appreciate the continued support in the proposed FY 24-25 budget for IHSS Public Authority Administrative Funding and ask that you continue to fund the IHSS BUPS program which will ultimately save the state funding.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Jesse Gabriel, Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
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