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Dear Stakeholders,

That's every one of you reading this message - consumers, family members, service providers, community partners, and interested individuals! Our service system needs your support!

As you know, our budget for the upcoming fiscal year includes significant cuts that will reduce payment rates for service providers *unless California receives funds from the federal government*. Please know that a reduction in pay rates for service providers could mean less services available to consumers and families. We all want to preserve our service delivery system, a system that we have spent years building. We have that opportunity!

The federal government is considering the provision of additional funding for states, which could prevent hundreds of millions of dollars from being cut from our service system. A simple phone call or email to your member of congress will demonstrate the importance of those federal funds to you!

Please see the message below from our Association of Regional Center Agencies (thank you, Daniel Savino!), and please contact your member of congress!

- 1) Go to <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative> and enter your zip code.
- 2) When it identifies your representative, click on the "mail" icon under their picture.

Find Your Representative

Information provided:

Zip code: 91301

is located in the 23rd Congressional district of California.

The representative for this district is:



Kevin McCarthy 
Republican



3) You may be asked to re-enter your zip code. If you don't know the extra four digits, that's usually ok!

4) Either fill out the email form or scroll to the bottom of the screen for the phone number for their office. You can call their district office or the office in Washington, D.C. (note that D.C. is three hours ahead of California, so call before 2 pm!)

What do you say? That's easy! Our message is very simple...

"I am a constituent of the Representative. Please support extra federal funding for California to help save disability services. And please ask your colleagues in the Senate to support it, too!"

That's it! You've just asked your representative for the funds that will help prevent major cuts to your services, and most importantly, you've told them you also want them to encourage their colleagues to be a part of the solution.- Daniel Savino

I hope you enjoy the long weekend ahead! Be safe! Stay healthy! And as always, for information and links regarding COVID-19, the state budget, and resources, visit our website at www.nlacrc.org. You can also visit our NLACRC [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages (don't forget to "like" us on Facebook and "follow" us on Twitter)!

Very truly yours,

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