

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 29, 2011

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius  
Secretary of Health and Human Services  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S. W.  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

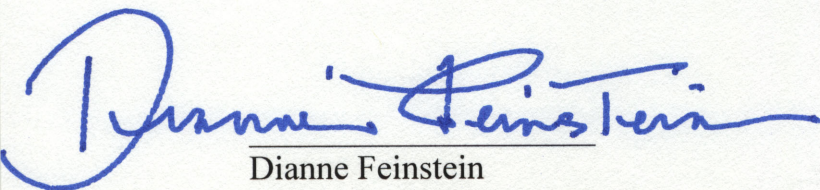
Thousands of seniors and people with disabilities across California currently depend on the Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) program for care and services that help them stay in their homes and communities. We understand that the state has acted to eliminate this program, and we ask that you ensure the state provides an orderly plan to transition the roughly 35,000 Californians currently receiving services through ADHC to alternative sources of care.

As you know, California was one of the first states to adopt Adult Day Health Care as an alternative to nursing home care, in part because of the reduced costs of care. If the program is eliminated without an appropriate transition plan, patients and their families could be harmed.

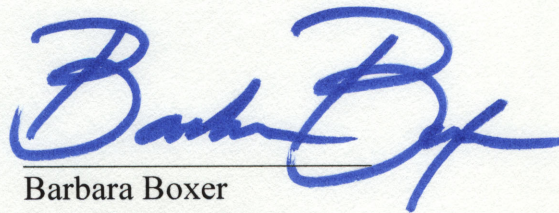
A plan to transition beneficiaries will allow for a continuity of care for tens of thousands of frail elderly, chronically-ill, and disabled Californians.

We are very concerned about the deficit in California and understand that it must be addressed, but want to ensure any health programs changes cause the least amount of harm possible. Substantial changes in programs that serve the most vulnerable must be done with a clear plan of action, and with the utmost care. Therefore, we ask that you ensure the state of California has a transition plan in place, and thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator



Barbara Boxer  
United States Senator