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The Honorable Akilah Weber Pierson, M.D.
Chair, Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3
1021 O Street, Suite 7310
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The Honorable Dawn Addis
Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1
1021 O Street, Suite 4120
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: REQUEST TO DELAY CCS MONITORING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE INITIATIVE – 4260, Department of Health Care Services Budget Items

Dear Senator Weber Pierson and Assembly Member Addis:

The Solano County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the Solano County Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health division, writes to respectfully request that the Legislature delay the upcoming July 1, 2025, implementation of the California Children's Services (CCS) County Monitoring & Oversight Initiative until DHCS provides adequate funding to address both existing and new responsibilities associated with operating our county CCS program on behalf of DHCS.

While the goals of the new CCS Monitoring & Oversight Initiative are commendable, we are concerned that the initiative adds a new series of requirements to our program at a time when the CCS program has been significantly underfunded by DHCS.

Solano Public Health annually requests a budget in accordance with DHCS staffing standards, but the allocation falls short. For example, in Fiscal Year 2023/24, Solano County requested \$1,263,641 and was allocated \$1,050,014. In Fiscal Year 2024/25, Solano County requested \$1,539,726 and was allocated \$1,040,030. In both Fiscal Years, the DHCS funding allocation fell short of the requested budget amount (by \$213,000 and \$570,383 respectively). Additionally, Solano Public Health has faced challenges filling key CCS positions, including nurse positions, Occupational Therapists (OT), and Physical Therapists (PT). The PT position has been vacant for nearly a year despite hiring a recruiter agency to help fill the position.

Solano Public Health remains committed to serving our county's most medically complex and vulnerable children and youth. However, until DHCS provides adequate funding to operate the CCS program on the state's behalf, we respectfully request a delay of the July 2025 implementation of the CCS Monitoring & Oversight Initiative.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request. Should you have any questions, please contact Jayleen Richards at (707) 784-8616 or Cindy Watson at (707) 784-8154.

The Honorable Akilah Weber Pierson
The Honorable Dawn Addis
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Respectfully,



Mitch Mashburn, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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