

An Open Letter to Assemblymember Anthony Adams

Dear Assemblymember Adams:

Gov. Schwarzenegger, **with your support**, has targeted the In Home Support Services (IHSS) program for significant cuts in his proposed budget.

IHSS is one of the **most cost-effective** programs in state government. It provides needed support to our most vulnerable citizens—nearly a half million aged, blind or disabled Californians. Equally important in this time of budget crisis, IHSS **saves the taxpayers millions of dollars each year** by caring for them in their own homes rather than forcing them into **far more costly** institutions.

Recently, conservative columnist Daniel Weintraub—certainly no fan of government programs or unions—spent some time with more than a dozen home care consumers. Here's what he wrote about his experience:

*"I don't know what the best mix of cuts and taxes might be, if there is such a thing. All of the choices seem bad. But after spending parts of two days last week with more than a dozen disabled people who depend on state aid to live on their own, outside of nursing homes, I know this: **They are the last ones whose services and support should be cut.**"*

Assemblymember Adams, we believe that you can also learn something from this kind of experience. That is why **we are challenging you** to follow in Daniel Weintraub's footsteps by spending some time with some of your constituents who rely on and provide home care services. The theme of this project is **TAKE OUR DARE: SHOW YOU CARE!**

A representative from the IHSS Coalition—to which UDW belongs—will be in contact with your office to schedule your participation. We hope you will accept our challenge.



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