



March 29, 2023

The Honorable Caroline Menjivar
Chair, Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3 on Health & Human Services
1021 O Street, Suite 6720
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Public Health Regional Climate Planning Reversion – CONCERNS
Set for Hearing March 30, 2023 (4265 Issue #1) – Senate Sub. 3 on HHS**

Dear Senator Menjivar,

The County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC), representing local health departments throughout the state, writes to express concerns with the Administration's proposed reversion of \$25 million General Fund for the Climate Change and Health Resilience Planning Grant Program made possible through the 2022 Budget Act.

Local health departments prepare for and respond to the health effects of climate change events, including wildfires, flooding, and extreme heat events. While we acknowledge the challenging budget situation California is facing, detrimental climate-related impacts on Californians' health and well-being continue. Planning for improved public health- and community-based preparedness and response functions is an important and timely activity to protect the health of our state's residents as climate events become more frequent and severe.

For these above reasons, CHEAC expresses concerns with the Administration's proposed reversion of this funding. Should you have any questions, please contact me at mgibbons@cheac.org or 916-327-7540. Thank you.

Respectfully,

As signed by

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