

November 17, 2019

Khatera Aslami-Tamplen
Chair, Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
1325 J Street, Suite 1700
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: RFP Framework – MHSOAC Meeting on November 21, 2019

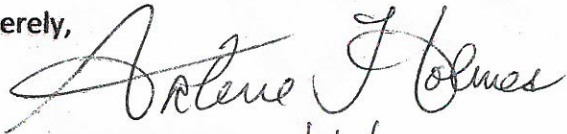
Dear Chair Aslami-Tamplen and Commissioners,

I urge you to protect funding for state level advocacy efforts. This is a dynamic time for many crucial mental health policy and administration issues at the state level. I hope that you will continue to support a strong and united voice for family members and peers at these policy and decision-making tables. Eliminating the role of statewide advocacy organizations will have a considerable impact on family members and individuals and limit the number of communities that can be served through these grants.

I encourage the MHSOAC to continue their support of qualified statewide organizations that have deep connections with local organizations serving family members and individuals. I strongly support the organizations dedicated to addressing specific policy initiatives and advocacy efforts that meet the unique needs of family members across the state.

I urge you to listen to the experienced advocates who are most familiar with and represent the respective communities across the state. Thank you for considering my input into this important matter.

Sincerely,



Your Name

Arlene Holmes

cc: All MHSOAC Commissioners
Toby Ewing, Executive Director, MHSOAC
Tom Orrock, Chief, Commission Operations and Grants, MHSOAC