INSTRUCTIONS: You can also address this letter to the Assemblymember and Senator representing your district ([click here](https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/) to find your representatives) and to the Chairs of the legislative committees first considering the Administration’s proposal (listed below)

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**RE: FY22-23 Budget Proposal to Sunset CHDP - OPPOSE**

Dear Assemblymember **[\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]**, Senator **[\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]**, and Chairs Arambula, Eggman, Skinner, and Ting:

I write to ask you to **oppose** Governor Newsom’s proposal to sunset the **Children’s Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP).** Dismantling CHDP will create gaps in pediatric care and reduce the quality of care for California’s most vulnerable children and youth. CHDP represents the State’s greatest commitment to ongoing pediatric and family medicine clinical and practice certification and pediatric provider support, training and technical assistance.

There is no reason to sunset CHDP next year or to remove the State’s ongoing investment in CHDP’s current quality assurance and pediatric care functions. No proposal to alter CHDP should be entertained without a solution for addressing the needs of this highly vulnerable population.

The Legislature needs to:

* Remove any proposal from the State FY 2022-2023 Budget to eliminate CHDP.
* Require an opportunity for robust stakeholder involvement in discussions about reforming CHDP in ways that capitalize on the work that CHDP already does and that reiterate California’s commitment to pediatric excellence and quality assurance in the future.
* Ensure that California’s children and youth are not subjected to gaps in services or reductions in the quality of health care they receive.
* Ensure that the Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) continues uninterrupted with full, adequate funding and resources

**I urge you and your colleagues in the Legislature to reject the Administration’s proposal to sunset the CHDP program.**

Sincerely,

**[Signature]**

**[Address]** (important to help them identify that you are a constituent)