



California Association of Public Authorities  
for In-Home Supportive Services

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The Honorable Ted Lieu  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1532 (Lieu)**  
**CAPA Position: Oppose**

Dear Assemblymember Lieu,

The California Association of Public Authorities (CAPA) respectfully must oppose your legislation, AB 1532. CAPA represents 52 Public Authorities and Non-Profit Consortia operating in 55 counties, each of whom serves as the local employer of record and maintains the provider registry for the IHSS program.

By our reading, AB 1532 would require all federal funding for the In-home Supportive Services (IHSS) program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) to supplement – not supplant – county funding for the program, based on 2007-08 levels. CAPA, of course, supports full funding of the IHSS program, and we historically oppose funding cuts, such as the provider wage reduction that the Legislature approved in February.

However, we also appreciate the dire hardship that California counties now find themselves. Many vulnerable Californians who are suffering under the barrage of State and local service cuts, including reductions in other social services plus health, mental, and dental services, as well as SSI/SSP grants.

CAPA therefore believes that hard-pressed counties should be allowed a measure of flexibility in meeting the needs of their specific populations. With the aid of FMAP augmentation funds, counties can maintain full funding for IHSS while redirecting part of their own IHSS spending to other crucial, beleaguered programs. Any reduction in a county's IHSS support would be temporary, lasting only until the end of the federal recovery period.

Although CAPA must Oppose AB 1532, we fully appreciate the author's support for IHSS, and we look forward to his leadership in protecting the program in the uncertain months ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Schinske".

Don Schinske

Legislative Advocate

cc. The Honorable Norma Torres, Vice Chair  
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