

PROTECTING FOSTER YOUTH IN THE STATE BUDGET

Coalition to Restore Proposed Cuts
to Housing Support Programs



May 9, 2024

Agenda

- Moving op ed – share on social media! (Simone)
- Email Senator Menjivar & Assemblymember Jackson this week (Simone)
- Prepare to email the Governor's Office early next week (Amy)
- Questions

Share *Back to the Start's* Op Ed

- Op Ed:
<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/opinion/commentary/story/2024-05-08/governor-newsom-budget-cuts-take-foster-youth-backwards>
- Social media toolkit:
<https://tinyurl.com/FYcoalition-social-media>

Former Foster Youth Speak Out Against Cuts to Foster Youth Housing Supports

Opinion: I am serving a life sentence at San Quentin. I know budget cuts will hurt foster youth.



In this 2016 file photo, a condemned inmate is led out of his east block cell on Death Row at San Quentin State Prison, now called San Quentin Rehabilitation Center. (AP)



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Email Senator Menjivar & Assemblymember Jackson this Week

- At the April 25th Senate budget human services hearing, **an option was raised** in attempt to find a middle ground between the SILP Housing Supplement and what is proposed under rate reform.
 - Unfortunately, **the option is NOT a middle ground** and would not achieve the goal of preventing homelessness among foster youth in SILPs.
- Its important that we communicate to the chairs of the budget subcommittees on human services in both the Senate and the Assembly that this option is a nonstarter.
 - **Please email Senator Menjivar and Assemblymember Jackson with this sentiment this week. Sample email on next page and will be sent to coalition this afternoon.**

Sample Email to Senator Menjivar

- **Senator Caroline Menjivar:** Send to Cameron.Urkofsky@sen.ca.gov (Chief of Staff) and Jessica.Golly@sen.ca.gov (Legislative Director)
- CC Simone (simone@jbay.org)

Dear Cameron and Jessica,

I am a member of a 104-organization coalition requesting the preservation of two key housing support investments for foster youth. At the April 25th Senate Budget Subcommittee 3 hearing, an option was raised that instead of preserving the Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP) Housing Supplement, to provide funding to the five highest cost counties.

Our coalition is strongly opposed to this option, as it does not achieve the goal of preventing homelessness among foster youth placed in a SILP, and it is based on inaccurate information. We want to ensure the Senate does not consider this option.

Thank you,

(Name)

Sample Email to Assemblymember Jackson

- **Assemblymember Corey Jackson:** Send to Simeon.Gant@asm.ca.gov (Chief of Staff) and Michael.Adamski@asm.ca.gov (Legislative Director)
- CC Simone (simone@jbay.org)

Dear Simeon and Michael,

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(Name)

Prepare to e-mail Governor Newsom early next week

- The May Revise will likely be released tomorrow, with possible additional details provided Monday.
 - We do not anticipate that the SILP Housing Supplement or the Housing Navigation & Maintenance Program will be restored in the 2024-25 budget.
- Its important that we send a loud and clear message to the Newsom Administration that these cuts will hurt young people and lead to homelessness.
 - **We will email the coalition tomorrow or Monday with sample emails for the Governor and any add'l information about the May Revise.**

FOR FUTURE QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION

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