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The Honorable Anthony J. Portantino, Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2206  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Portantino:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 2083 (AS AMENDED JULY 5, 2018) – OPPOSE**

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) must inform you of its opposition to Assembly Bill (AB) 2083. AB 2083 would: 1) require the Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, no later than June 1, 2019, to establish a joint interagency resolution team (Team), consisting of representatives from the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), the Department of Social Services (CDSS), the Department of Developmental Services, and the Department of Education (CDE), 2) require each county to develop and implement a memorandum of understanding (MOU) which sets forth the roles and responsibilities of agencies and other entities that serve children and youth in foster care who have experienced severe trauma, and 3) require the Team to develop and submit to the Legislature, no later than January 1, 2020, a process for centralized entry, authorization, and access to services; a multiyear plan for increasing the capacity and delivery of trauma-informed care to foster children and youth with intensive needs; and recommendations for a statewide, pooled financing structure.

Unfortunately, DHCS must oppose AB 2083, because it is an unnecessary duplication of existing cross-system processes and activities being carried out by DHCS and CDSS that support county partners in the provision of services to children and youth in foster care who have experienced severe trauma. These provide state-level, targeted technical assistance to counties and other partners to ensure that foster children and youth receive trauma informed care and services. For example, DHCS is participating on a workgroup that is in the early stages of identifying best practices and gaps in services for high-needs children.

Furthermore, this bill may create obstacles to existing activities and processes, as it would require the departments to redirect existing efforts to ensure that the requirements of this bill are met.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at 440-7500.

Sincerely,

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