

**San Benito County Democratic Central Committee
San Benito County, California**

RESOLUTION 2026-02

**SUPPORTING STATE BUDGET ACTION TO ADDRESS THE IMPACTS
OF H.R. 1 ON CALIFORNIA COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, the passage of H.R. 1 has resulted in significant federal funding reductions that disproportionately impact counties responsible for administering critical safety-net services, including healthcare, nutrition, and social services; and

WHEREAS, counties anticipate significant, record-breaking budget deficits despite substantial local actions proactively being taken—including reducing staffing, increasing efficiencies, consolidating programs, and passing local tax measures—that will offset only a portion of the shortfall; and

WHEREAS, counties serve as the safety net for vulnerable populations and are expected to experience increased demand for services due to reductions in Medi-Cal coverage and other federal supports; and

WHEREAS, counties are responsible for administering Medi-Cal and CalFresh programs and county employees will face significantly increased workloads due to new federal requirements, including more frequent eligibility redeterminations; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated increase in uninsured residents is expected to significantly raise county costs for indigent care, with statewide impacts estimated between \$2 billion and \$5.5 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, reductions in funding or shifting of costs from the State to counties would further strain local budgets and jeopardize essential services, including In-Home Supportive Services, mobile crisis response, and victim support programs; and

WHEREAS, investments in public health infrastructure, data systems, and coordinated care are critical to ensuring efficient service delivery and protecting public health outcomes statewide; and

WHEREAS, without state partnership, critical services—including hospital care, behavioral health services, public health programs, and social services—may be

significantly reduced or eliminated, resulting in decreased access to healthcare, increased emergency room utilization, and worsening health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, without state partnership, counties will continue to cut thousands of positions, which will fundamentally hurt working families for those who have lost their jobs or who will be shouldering additional work from understaffing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Benito County Democratic Central Committee (SBCDCC) hereby supports counties' request for State of California budget action to mitigate the impacts of H.R. 1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SBCDCC urges the California State Legislature and Governor to:

Approve ongoing funding for public hospitals, including the \$500 million request to replace the non-federal share of Medicaid fee-for-service costs currently borne by public hospital systems;

Provide \$373 million in General Fund support to counties for Medi-Cal and CalFresh administration to ensure adequate staffing and timely eligibility determinations;

Allocate at least \$2 billion annually beginning in Fiscal Year 2026–2027 to counties to address the growing indigent and uninsured population;

Support modernization and integration of eligibility systems, including the California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS) and the California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment, and Retention System (CalHEERS), to streamline enrollment, exemptions, and redeterminations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SBCDCC calls on the State to protect critical county-administered programs, avoid cost-shifting to counties, and sustain investments in public health, homelessness prevention, and victim services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SBCDCC directs staff to transmit this resolution to the Governor of California, the California State Legislature, and relevant state agencies.