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TO THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Das Williams, Janet Wolf, Joan Hartmann, Peter Adam, Steve Lavagnino, and the County Clerk

I am writing to register my complete and absolute disapproval of the recent recommendation made by the Director of Behavioral Wellness to cut from next year's budget, the new Pilot Program for AOT (Assisted Outpatient Treatment also known as Laura's Law), voted on in 2016 for a 3-year period. It is a colossal outrage and a cruel plan to destroy the critically needed mental health care for the most vulnerable members of our community.

Everything the current Director of Behavioral Wellness is doing is absolutely inhuman, thoughtless, unconscionable and unspeakably heartless to say nothing about the stupidity of what she calls behavioral wellness while taking a position that is the complete antithesis of any kind of wellness, behavioral or otherwise.

I protest this complete outrage against our citizens and family members who desperately need the stability and balance in their personal lives that a well-organized and well-managed Department of Mental Health is designed to secure for them. We need to give our most vulnerable people a chance at life instead of sweeping their lives away. ALL LIVES MATTER. Do not cut the program that helps them maintain stability and balance for themselves and will in turn benefit of the community we all live in.

Respectfully,

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