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**To:** Williams, Das; sbcob@co.santa-Barbara.ca.us.  
**Cc:** Hartmann, Joan; Lavagnino, Steve; Wolf, Janet; Adam, Peter  
**Subject:** PLEASE do not de-fund Laura's Law

Dear Supervisor Das Williams,

Please allow the recently approved pilot program for Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT aka Laura's Law) to stand and eventually expand.

It has already shown positive results since the County approved the 3-year pilot program last fall. The reduction of incarcerations, psychiatric hospitalizations and emergency services that AOT provides must not be under-valued.

We must also recognize the added benefit Laura's Law brings to law enforcement as an alternative to incarceration of our streets homeless population as well as the immeasurable benefit to anguished families dealing with loved ones who are not able to recognize their need for treatment.

We need this program to continue and expand. Please, do not de-fund Santa Barbara County's AOT program.

Sincerely,  
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