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Dear Supervisors,



I know you are facing terrible budget decisions and I can't imagine the difficulties for you.

As the mother of a bipolar person, I've seen first-hand the importance of what a bed can do for a mentally afflicted person.

My son self medicated to a point that he became substance dependent, unemployed, and living in a car.

What saved my son was a rehab program, with a bed. Even a humble bed in humble surroundings, can be the saving grace to keep a human from sliding to the streets.

The "revolving door" of the criminal justice system is not a solution for those who need treatment.

Jailing the mentally ill takes up costly space our jails need for real criminals.

I implore you not to cut beds or dismantle the pilot program for Laura's Law, which we know is saving lives.

Thank you for your service to our county.

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