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The Honorable [State Representative/Senator Name]  
[Office Address of State Representative or Senator] (*Find addresses at: [bit.ly/2ZtzL8d](http://bit.ly/2ZtzL8d)*)

Dear State Representative/Senator [State Representative/Senator Name],

I'm a constituent and I care about The Mather Community Campus and the great work they do for Sacramento. Mather Community Campus is a 12-month employment and rehabilitative transitional housing program currently housing approximately 363 men, women, and children in single or family unit apartments. While there, they have access to a multitude of support services to help them create their own path out of homelessness: pre-employment and vocational training, alcohol and drug recovery, credit and identity repair, case management, housing and job placement assistance – all in a therapeutic community of support from staff and fellow residents.

The City of Sacramento and the County of Sacramento combined spend roughly \$59.6 million a year to combat homelessness. It can cost between \$45,000 and \$160,000 a year to manage a single homeless individual as they migrate in and out of emergency rooms, jail, parks and trails, public property, with no return on investment. By comparison, VOA's Mather Community Campus is a cost effective program, approximately \$25,000 to transition one person out of homelessness forever.

Continue to invest in what works. Each year an average of 150 people graduate our program and leave homelessness with employment and market-rate housing. By focusing resources and attention on solutions that work we can build a future in which everyone has the opportunity to contribute to the strength, productivity and well-being of our region.

Without full funding:

The Mather Community Dining Hall and Culinary Training Kitchen will be closed. Most of Mather's residents will no longer have access to three hot meals daily AND the kitchen will no longer be able to serve as a training ground to help residents learn new job skills.

Mather will serve 90 fewer single adults each night – that's 90 beds that will go unused, 90 people who are on the streets now, ready for change, but with nowhere to go.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address]

[Your City, State, Zipcode]

[Your E-mail]

[Your Phone Number]