



July 13, 2018

Jennifer Kent  
Director  
Department of Health Care Services  
1501 Capitol Mall MS 0000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Director Kent:

On behalf of CalPACE and its members, we want to express appreciation for the department's support for supplemental one-time funding for PACE organizations in the 2018-19 budget.

PACE organizations work very hard to improve the lives of the seniors and older adults they serve, all of whom have complex conditions and qualify for nursing home placement when they enter PACE. Through PACE, these beneficiaries receive comprehensive and coordinated services to enable them to safely remain in the community.

PACE organizations are facing increasing challenges to remain viable and to expand to meet the growing needs for their services. This supplemental funding will help organizations that are facing challenges as the state transitions to a new payment methodology and a more streamlined application and licensing process for PACE.

We appreciate the Department's support for this supplemental funding and its ongoing support for PACE.

Sincerely,

Linda Trowbridge  
Chair and CEO, Center for Elders' Independence

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