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Hon. Grantland Johnson, Secretary
Agnes Lee, Deputy Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
1600 Ninth Street, Room 460
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Olmstead Plan Draft 2/25/03

March 5, 2003

Dear Secretary Johnson and Deputy Secretary Lee:

Enclosed are COCO's consolidated comments on the last Draft Plan Outline. We hope that our comments are self-explanatory and that you will consider them as you finish the draft of the complete plan. Our letter of February 27th laid out our most fundamental concerns about the Plan draft; this document supplies more detail to support those concerns.

We also enclose another document, COCO's list of Olmstead recommendations. The list is just that, and it does not have the detail of a finished product. Most of the recommendations were made at the Olmstead Work Group meetings; some of them appear in the Plan drafts. We give you this list because we believe that there are recommendations that are worth further consideration – and that is one of the reasons we want to see the planning process continue.

We repeat our offer: we would welcome the opportunity to continue to work together, alongside other stakeholders – most importantly, consumers, to create an Olmstead Plan that meets the Legislature's mandate and federal guidelines.

Sincerely,

Deborah Doctor, for COCO