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Ms. Michelle Baass  
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Ms. Kim Johnson  
Director  
California Department of Social Services  
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Dear Director Baass and Director Johnson,

I write to express my concerns with the proposed Native Directions and HomesCA Substance Treatment Centers that are planned to be developed in El Dorado County. The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors have unanimously opposed this proposal and the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians have also strongly opposed it. So, I hope that you will recognize the importance of local consent for these types of decisions and relocate these treatment centers to a more suitable location.

It is my understanding that after the State Legislature passed AB 172, which made changes to treatment center programs, these proposed facilities can bypass the regulations which normally provide improved quality of life, public health, and public safety for the community.

I have heard from the community, and they are greatly concerned about the consequences of bypassing these regulations. For example, there is a reasonable anxiety with placing substance abuse patients in an area with a large fire risk without the in-depth fire plan that would normally be required of this type of facility. Additionally, some individuals are concerned that the inadequate roads for commercial activity will create hazardous conditions and that Medi-Cal dependent treatment centers will increase the burden on an already fragile and underfunded system. The water availability is also a concern since the current infrastructure is intended to support single family rural homes and will not be able to sustain a facility with a high usage of water.

I look forward to working with you to address these concerns, and I appreciate your engagement on these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom McClintock".

Tom McClintock