## **DEL NORTE HEALTHCARE DISTRICT**

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Board of Directors Rural Human Services 286 M St., Suite A Crescent City, CA 95531

Dear Directors of Rural Human Services:

During last night's open meeting of the Del Norte Healthcare District, we heard your organization's request for continued funding of the local fresh food program for low income residents. While the Healthcare District supports the goal of providing healthy food to residents, we tabled your funding request, due to the inexplicable failure of the RHS Board to respond to a series of allegations of workplace misconduct by Scott Feller, your former Executive Director.

In addition to the publicly available information regarding your \$152,500 settlement for alleged sexual harassment and retaliation against one of your former employees, additional reports of RHS Board misconduct were voiced by the public during the meeting. Furthermore, the Del Norte Triplicate reported, and you have not refuted, that your own investigator corroborated the allegations brought forth in the lawsuit which named both your Board and Mr. Feller as co-defendants.

The overwhelming consensus among the participants in last night's Healthcare District meeting is that prior to further consideration of any present or future funding requests from RHS, the entire RHS Board must resign and RHS bylaws must be modified to include term limits and transparency by the future RHS Board. Prompt resignations would lessen the risk of jeopardizing funding of RHS community programs.

Should you have any doubt regarding the content of the meeting, the Healthcare District Board encourages you to listen to the meeting audiotape. Finally, it was reported last night that Mr. Feller received a severance package from the RHS Board. Is that correct? If so, what are the terms of Mr. Feller's severance package?

Sincere

Terry McNamara

Chair, Del Norte Healthcare District