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Dear Senator/Representative: (you use the name you get from the link that serves your area where you live)

I am very upset that Governor Schwarzenegger wants to reduce services for the deaf and hard of hearing by proposing budget cuts. It will have a huge impact on me because I use their services because they use sign language and understand what I sign. They are also experienced working with people who are hard of hearing. They are experts on educating doctors, lawyers, schools, DMV, hospitals, and many other places that they are responsible in providing communication access. They also know how to explain to them that if they refuse to provide communication access which means that my civil rights for communication access has been violated.

GLAD has been around for over 25 years and it specializes in advocacy, peer counseling, information and referrals to many deaf, hard of hearing, late deafened, deaf-blind, and hearing people. It has been a struggle for GLAD to continue its wonderful services where I can communicate in my own language. GLAD gets funding from Department of Social Services's Deaf Access Program (DAP). The population grows. Now the Governor wants to get rid of services for deaf and hard of hearing which is very upsetting. There will be no services for people like me.

I am asking you as a lawmaker to stop the Governor's proposed budget cuts for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services. We depend on you as an elected representative.

Sincerely:

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