



# California Association of Psychiatric Technicians

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The Honorable Mike Honda, Barbara Lee and Lucille Roybal-Allard  
California Members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS and Education  
U.S. House of Representatives  
*Via facsimile: 7 pages*

Dear Members:

I am writing on behalf of approximately 14,000 California Psychiatric Technicians to support testimony presented to your committee today by Mary Reese, whose stepdaughter has profound developmental disabilities. We implore you to closely consider and act upon what she has to say.


Ms. Reese speaks today for thousands of families across the nation, including families here in California, who wish to end the cruel, tragic and illegal hypocrisy of *federally funded* agencies seeking to -- and frequently succeeding in -- closing *federally licensed and regulated* developmental centers (Intermediate Care Facilities for People with Intellectual Disabilities or ICFs/ID). This truly Kafkaesque situation is not only a waste of taxpayer dollars, but also leads to the diminishment of rights and the flat-out endangerment of those whose ICF/ID homes are closed.

California Psychiatric Technicians are proud to be the nation's "gold standard" in direct-care mental-health and developmental nursing services. As state-licensed, -educated and -regulated nursing professionals, we are charged with advocating on behalf of our clients for the highest quality of mental-health and developmental care, whatever the setting. California's federally licensed developmental centers also are on the chopping block, with Lanterman Developmental Center in Pomona, Calif., the latest slated for closure here. These closures only mean eliminating care, rights and choices for people with developmental disabilities and their families who would otherwise stand to greatly benefit from these unique, federally regulated facilities and services, which are found nowhere else.

*Visit a developmental center – seeing is believing.*

Please contact me for more information.

Sincerely,



Tony Myers  
CAPT State President

Attachment: Testimony of Mary Reese