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Dear President Obama:

In today's difficult economic climate we are all feeling the cuts. The banking industry, retail, car dealerships are all feeling the cuts. However we should not let that allow us to forget that healthcare is already at the bare minimum in the United States. Hospice should be the last place we cut corners. The success of helping others to die in comfort, pain free depends on the ability to provide care through open access programs. I have been working with hospice for close to 10 years now and I honestly have seen the difference hospice can make. I have seen people die in agonizing pain without the ability to get pain medicine, people who die alone without hospice, who will be there? A nurse or physician in a hospital? We are so blessed to have hospice in this country its time to step up and protect that right. Thank you for listening.

Please feel free to contact me directly,

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