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PHILIP W. JOHNSTON
SECRETARY

November 3, 1989

Mr. Joseph Connarton, City Clerk
Office of the City Clerk
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Connarton,

Thank you for your letter concerning reductions in funding for DSS open referral services.

The Governor and I appreciate the many letters we received supporting this program and other critical human services programs threatened by the current fiscal problem.

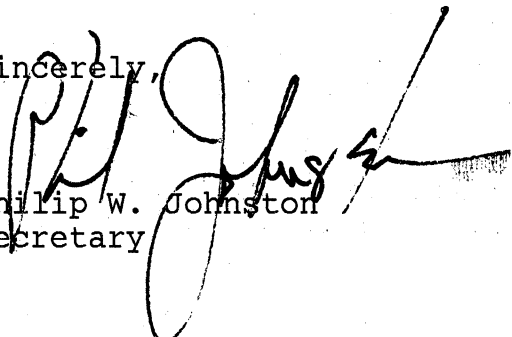
The Governor deeply regrets having to make cuts that hurt our most vulnerable citizens, but the revenues are not there; moreover, Governor Dukakis will have to make additional cuts to the almost \$500 million already cut in order to balance the FY'90 state budget.

Because of the critical need for open referral services, and because of the support of concerned citizens such as yourself, the reductions which were proposed at 60% have been reduced to 35%.

I hope that you will continue to work with us to urge needed revenue increases to support this and other critical human services programs.

Thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,


Philip W. Johnston
Secretary

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Comm. from Philip W. Johnston, Secretary
Executive Office of Human Services, trans-
mitting acknowledgement of a communication
received from the City Council regarding
reducing in funding for Department of
Social Services open referral services.

In City Council,

November 13, 1989

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