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Reference to letter: Veteran Directed Care Program, dated October 17, 2017.

I am totally shocked upon receiving this letter stopping this program in 30 days because of funds. No forwarning what so ever. Our care coordinator had no advance knowledge. I called her after opening the letter, in which she informed me she had just found out from another participates of the program. I also called your office per phone number, listed in your letter, with no response. This is happening during the middle of the month: I'm wondering who else was notified. There are 58 number of veterans locally in this program and 116 workers. Its associated with Council on Aging un the SC Lt Governor's office and federal.

You know history has proven to us when there are cuts to federal programs, who does it affect: The Elders.

I'm 87 years old myself, wife and 2 daughters have all passed away due to cancer. My family now are my caregivers. It's also been proven that the elderly does better staying at home with caregivers. I'm already over in debt and used all my limits to pay for these wonderful ladies. Who is going to help us now?

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