

As legal guardian for several individuals, I am speechless about the defunding of the Probate Court System in the proposed budget. It must be a mistake, and can quickly be fixed. It is completely irresponsible to remove this funding. Too many people in need, especially children and vulnerable adults, need the probate courts to oversee provision of services or protection. I have friends who have needed the Probate Courts to protect and provide for their own children at risk.

Most people understand that budgets get tight and belts need to be tightened. Priorities need to be set. And the burdens of budget cuts need to be shared in all areas of a budget.

This sounds like someone thought it: 1. wouldn't be noticed, 2. wouldn't affect people in power, 3. was easy and quick and without thought or logical rationale, 4. without compassion for those in need.

Our country and our state citizens and taxpayers deserve better.

Sincerely,
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