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Out of respect for the privacy of the individuals in our care, we cannot comment on any of the specific allegations.

As part of Sevita, California MENTOR is a licensed provider that strives to comply with the reporting and other regulatory requirements of the State. Our top priority is the safety and wellbeing of the people we serve, and we work in coordination with many partners – including policymakers, regulators, advocacy groups, individuals and their families – to address the challenges facing people with disabilities, the programs that serve them, and the individuals who provide care. We continuously evaluate our homes and in certain instances where for a variety of issues, we believe that we can't operate the home, we will work with the State to place individuals with an alternate provider.

We believe we have developed a robust quality improvement program that improves care for individuals with I/DD, leading to growth and increased independence, participation in community life, and wellbeing for the whole person. We have long advocated for better access, equity, and funding of Home and Community-based Services (HCBS) to support a growing population of individuals with complex needs, many of whom require a broad spectrum of supports and services to meet their evolving goals and abilities. This includes collaborating with other providers and academic institutions to establish benchmarks of quality; enhancing our workforce learning and development systems; and investing in company-wide compliance programs and annual trainings – all of which is designed to improved quality of care and outcomes for the individuals we serve. Our teams remain committed to pushing for this change and are actively having critical conversations to shape the understanding of our complex industry and the need for more robust funding, equity, and access for home and community-based services.

Sevita promotes ethical practices at all levels of the organization and we remain committed to our core values of integrity, respect, inclusion, and growth. While we have experienced – and continue to experience – staffing challenges that impact our entire industry, we have made significant investments to attract and retain a dedicated and compassionate workforce that embodies our mission to help children, families, and individuals with a wide range of needs live in communities and settings of their choice.

– *Claire Williamson*
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