

# Agenda Item 2A: Federal Advocacy Letters

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May 19, 2016

The Honorable Lois Capps  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Lois:

I have sent the enclosed letters on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara to Chairman Kline and Ranking Minority Member Scott of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, expressing support for legislation to increase provide Federal resources for Adult Protective Services (APS).

Please consider cosponsoring Congressman Cartwright's H.R. 5018, the *Elder Protection and Abuse Prevention Act*. According to the most recent Census, there are over 57,000 adults age 65 or above living in Santa Barbara – 13% of the County's total population. With the increase in this population comes an increase in elder abuse related incidences. Last year, there were more than 1700 reported cases in Santa Barbara County, and this year is on pace to exceed that total.

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H.R. 5018 would amend the Older Americans Act to authorize Federal assistance to State adult protective services programs, including making grants for elder abuse and neglect screening to states with approved plans. Please urge your colleagues who serve on the committee to expedite action on H.R. 5018 or similar legislation to authorize Federal resources to help address senior abuse and neglect.

Sincerely yours,

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The Honorable John Kline, Chairman  
Committee on Education and the Workforce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara to express support for legislation to increase provide Federal resources for Adult Protective Services (APS), including expanding resources under the Older Americans Act to address senior abuse and neglect.

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The Honorable Robert Scott  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Education and the Workforce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
United States Senate  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 2051

Dear Senator Boxer:

I have sent the enclosed letters on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara to Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, expressing support for legislation to increase provide Federal resources for Adult Protective Services (APS).

Please consider cosponsoring Senator Blumenthal's S. 2747, the *Elder Protection and Abuse Prevention Act*. According to the most recent Census, there are over 57,000 adults age 65 or above living in Santa Barbara – 13% of the County's total population. With the increase in this population comes an increase in elder abuse related incidences. Last year, there were more than 1700 reported cases in Santa Barbara County, and this year is on pace to exceed that total.

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

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The Honorable Lamar Alexander, Chairman  
Committee on Health, Education, Labor  
And Pensions  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Ranking Member  
Committee on Health, Education, Labor  
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United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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