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April 26, 2018

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

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Enclosed are letters that we have sent to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to express their support for funding of local public health responsibilities in FY 2019.

The County supports programs that promote healthy behaviors and activities, assist disaster preparedness and emergency medical response, and prevent harmful health conditions and ensure access to health care. State and local governments form the foundation of our nation's public health system and are an integral part of any emergency response plan. Please continue to work with the members of the Subcommittee to ensure that public health is funded at the highest possible level in the *FY 2019 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations* bill.

I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Don Gilcrest
Washington Representative

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