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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

May 28, 2019

The Honorable Salud Carbajal
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Carbajal:

I am writing on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara in support of your H.R.1871, the *Protect Patriot Parents Act*.

Enclosed for your information are letters that we have sent to the Judiciary Committee urging support for H.R. 1871. This legislation is needed to protect military families who are facing deportation by allowing for adjustment to immigration status for parents of those who are serving or have served in the United States Armed Forces. In many communities across the nation, including Santa Barbara County, we have seen the impacts of a broken immigration system on local communities. H.R. 1871 will support military families and recognize their sacrifice and investment in our nation. By supporting families, this will also support military readiness and the ability of service members to perform their duties effectively.

The County supports comprehensive immigration reform and this issue helps illustrate the need for legislative action. Recognizing the vulnerability of armed forces personnel would be a good start towards a comprehensive bill. Immigrants and their families, regardless of whether they are authorized or unauthorized to be in this country, contribute in numerous ways. This is especially true for those who serve and protect our nation in the military.

Please continue to work to enact comprehensive immigration reform and H.R. 1871 to protect to protect military families.

Sincerely yours,

Don Gilchrest
Washington Representative

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