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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

October 8, 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 to reiterate support for local public safety needs in the *FY 2020 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations* bill.

Thank you for opposing the Administration's proposed reductions in State and local law enforcement grants and proposed elimination of the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP). Federal assistance is critical to local efforts to effectively and efficiently implement law enforcement and public safety strategies. Elimination/underfunding of SCAAP is particularly troubling because of the impact of undocumented criminals on the County jail and the rising costs of incarceration. As the House and Senate negotiate a final version of this legislation, the County also requests the highest level of funding possible for the following programs:

- The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program;
- The COPS Community-Oriented Policing Program;
- Juvenile justice and delinquency prevention, including gang prevention;
- Violence against women and human trafficking;
- Prisoner reentry, diversion, and recidivism prevention activities, including those addressing the mentally ill;
- Drug and Veterans Court administration and treatment; and,
- DNA cold case prosecution and forensic laboratory services.

Thank you for your support of local public safety needs in FY 2020.

Sincerely yours,

Don Gilchrest  
Washington Representative

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