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June 21, 2013

The Honorable John Conyers
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
2142 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Conyers:

I am writing to reiterate the support of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors for comprehensive immigration reform. In April, the Board voted 4-0 in support of the policy framework for Comprehensive Immigration Reform adopted by the National Association of Counties' (NACo) at its March, 2013 Legislative Conference. This framework includes the following:

- Secure our borders;
- Include a national strategy for coordination among federal, state, local and tribal authorities;
- Establish a sensible and orderly guest worker program;
- Impose no unfunded mandates on state and local governments;
- Include no mandates on counties to enforce immigration laws;
- Preserve the eligibility of legal non-citizens for federal-funded health benefits and provide a sustainable funding stream to counties for their cost of providing health services to legal non-citizens who are denied federal-funded health benefits;
- Establish an earned path to citizenship that includes registering, background checks, demonstrating employment, learning English and civics, and paying back taxes and fees that may be required;
- Improve and simplify the current legal immigration system; and,
- Provide green cards for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics students who have received a graduate degree from American universities.

Dealing with the challenges associated with our nation's broken immigration system has been an ongoing issue that has impacted all levels of our government, multiple sectors of the economy, wage-earners, taxpayers, and families across our country. In Santa Barbara County, as in many other regions, we have seen the impacts on our communities, especially in the agriculture industry that makes up a major portion of our local economy. On behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, I respectfully urge you to support Comprehensive Immigration Reform that includes these criteria.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas P. Walters
Washington Representative

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The Honorable Robert Goodlatte, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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The Honorable Lois Capps
U.S. House of Representatives
2231 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Lois:

I have sent the enclosed letters to Chairman Goodlatte and Ranking Minority Member Conyers of the House Committee on the Judiciary, reiterating the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors' support for comprehensive immigration reform, specifically endorsing the framework adopted by the National Association of Counties (NACo). This framework includes the following:

- Secure our borders;
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The Honorable Bernard Sanders, Chairman
Subcommittee on Primary Health & Aging
Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
United States Senate
SD-424 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to express their Board's support for the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA). I have attached a position paper adopted by the Board on OAA Reauthorization.

The Act allows the County to provide a wide range of critical services to its elderly population. It provides funds for programs to support meals-on-wheels, help to prevent elder abuse and exploitation, counsel seniors on their rights, coordinate legal services for those who cannot afford representation, and support telephone hotlines. The County's phenomenal population growth over the last two decades is projected to continue and as a result, the demand for senior-related services will increase.

The County supports the reauthorization and expansion of the following programs under OAA:

- Elderly Nutrition Program
- Family Caregiver Programs (Title III E)
- Home and Community-Based Supportive Services (Title III B)

Furthermore the County supports increasing local flexibility to allow local AAAs to provide more customized support, increased authorization levels, strengthening the Long Term Care (LTC) Ombudsman Program.

On behalf of the Board, I appreciate your consideration of our views as you work with your colleagues on the committee to draft and approve legislation to reauthorize the Older Americans Act.

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
SH-331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I have sent the attached letters on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to Chairman Sanders and Ranking Member Burr of the Senate HELP Subcommittee on Primary Health & Aging to express the Board's support of the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA). I have attached a position paper adopted by the Board on OAA Reauthorization.

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Please support the reauthorization of the OAA and support efforts to maintain local control to coordinate OAA services for older Americans.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas P. Walters
Washington Representative

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The Honorable Richard Burr
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Primary Health & Aging
Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
United States Senate
SH-440 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Burr:

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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
United States Senate
SH-112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Patty Murray
Member
Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety
Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
United States Senate
SR-154 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Murray:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to express their support for the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

As part of its 2013 Legislative Platform, the Board of Supervisors supports several recommendations for WIA Reauthorization that accompany this letter. Those recommendations address several key areas including regionalization, local flexibility, One-Stops, Youth Councils, Adult and Dislocated Worker programs, funding, formula, and innovation.

The County urges your committee to expedite action on legislation to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act, and to address the attached recommendations to enable the County WIB to continue to serve the needs of job seekers, youth, and businesses in Santa Barbara County.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas P. Walters
Washington Representative

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The Honorable Johnny Isakson
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety
Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
United States Senate
SH-833 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Isakson:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to express their support for the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

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June 18, 2013

The Honorable Tom Harkin, Chairman
Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
United States Senate
SD-428 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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

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The County requests your support for the attached recommendations and please urge your colleagues that serve on the Senate HELP Committee to expedite action on WIA Reauthorization legislation.

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The Honorable Bob Casey, Chairman
Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety
Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
United States Senate
SH-143 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to express their support for the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

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June 18, 2013

The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
United States Senate
SH-833 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Alexander:

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Sincerely yours,

Thomas P. Walters
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June 13, 2013

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
SH-331 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am writing on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara in support of legislation to extend the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program and the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (SRS).

The County strongly supports legislation to provide mandatory funding for PILT and Secure Rural Schools. Attached for your information are letters I have sent to Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Wyden and Ranking Minority Member Murkowski in support of legislation to extend these programs.

Legislation was enacted to provide full funding for PILT and SRS through this year. However, without additional legislation, these programs will lapse. PILT funding partially offsets the impacts of national forests and other public lands in the County, such as the costs of search and rescue, law enforcement, and road maintenance. SRS supports public schools, but also can be used for County road improvement and maintenance projects, forestry projects, and wildfire risk reduction programs.

Please continue to work with your colleagues who serve on the Committee to ensure funding for these programs.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Walters
Washington Representative

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The Honorable Ron Wyden, Chairman
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
SD-304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Legislation was enacted to provide full funding for PILT and SRS through this year. However, without additional legislation, these programs will lapse. Mandatory funding for PILT and SRS is needed because Federal land is not taxable by local governments. Local communities in California and throughout the nation continue to undergo very stressful budget situations due to limited revenues, making these programs more important than ever.

Please continue to work for enactment of legislation to fund PILT and SRS.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Walters
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Legislation was enacted to provide full funding for PILT and SRS through this year. However, without additional legislation, these programs will lapse. Mandatory funding for PILT and SRS is needed because Federal land is not taxable by local governments. Local communities in California and throughout the nation continue to undergo very stressful budget situations due to limited revenues, making these programs more important than ever.

Please continue to work for enactment of legislation to fund PILT and SRS.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Walters
Washington Representative

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June 12, 2013

The Honorable Ed Markey
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
1329 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Markey:

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June 3, 2013

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
SH 331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I have sent the attached letters to Chairman Leahy and Ranking Minority Member Grassley of the Senate Judiciary Committee on behalf of the County of Riverside, urging them to take on S. 822, the *Justice For All Reauthorization Act*, or similar legislation that would reauthorize the provisions of the 2004 Justice for All Act.

Please consider cosponsoring S. 822. The original Justice For All Act implemented reforms in the way the death penalty is used in the criminal justice system, improved support services for crime victims, and provided important tools and assistance to help state and local governments use DNA evidence to convict guilty offenders and exonerate the innocent. The *Justice For All Reauthorization Act* would extend the authorization of these programs, including the Crime Victims' Rights Act, the Debbie Smith Act, the Coverdell Forensics Science Improvement Grant Program, and the Innocence Protection Act. In doing so it would improve support services for crime victims, as well as enhancing state and local governments' use of DNA evidence. In particular, the County supports provisions that would enable the Attorney General to award grants to units of local governments under the Capital Representation Improvement Grants and the Capital Prosecution Improvement Grants programs, rather than exclusively to States.

The Justice For All Act has provided valuable resources for local governments such as the County of Santa Barbara in its efforts to provide support for crime victims, and in its use of DNA evidence to improve the effectiveness of its public safety responsibilities. Please urge your colleagues who serve on the committee to support action on S. 822 or similar legislation that would reauthorize and strengthen the Justice For All Act.

Sincerely yours,

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Washington Representative

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June 3, 2013

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
SD-152 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

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The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
SD-224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
United States Senate
SH 112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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