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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 on behalf of the Board of Supervisors to Chairman Carter and Ranking Member Price of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security, asking them to include the highest amount of funding possible for local homeland security and disaster preparedness activities in the *FY 2015 Homeland Security Appropriations*. In particular, programs such as the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program and assistance to local fire departments under the Firefighter Assistance Grant Program are critical to the County's emergency response coordination responsibilities.

Please urge your colleagues who serve on the Subcommittee to ensure adequate funding to address the homeland security, first responder, and disaster response coordination needs of the County of Santa Barbara and other local government entities.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas P. Walters
Washington Representative

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Enclosures