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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

May 10, 2017

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

Dear Congressman Carbajal:

I have sent the enclosed letters on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara to members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies in support of the highest level of funding possible for local public safety needs in the *FY 2018 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations* bill, including:

- Reimbursement for the costs of adjudicating and incarcerating criminal illegal aliens under the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP);
- 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.

Federal assistance is critical to local efforts to effectively and efficiently implement law enforcement and public safety strategies. Unfortunately, the Administration's so-called "Skinny Budget" request released in March proposes significant reductions in or eliminate on of funding for several public safety programs of significance to local governments such as the County. Elimination of SCAAP is particularly troubling because of the impact of criminal illegal aliens on the County jail, a direct result of the Federal government's failure to fulfill its immigration-related responsibilities. Please urge your colleagues who serve on the Subcommittee to ensure sufficient funding to address the public safety needs of Santa Barbara County and other local government entities when they draft the *FY 2018 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations* bill.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas P. Walters  
Washington Representative

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