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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

April 4, 2018

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I have sent the enclosed letters on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara to members of the Senate 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 2019 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.

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 2019 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations* bill.

Sincerely yours,

Don Gilchrest
Washington Representative

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