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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to express their support for housing and community development programs in the *FY 2019 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations* bill.

Enclosed please find letters I have sent to the Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing Appropriations urging that housing and community development programs critical to State and local governments are funded at the highest possible level in the *FY 2019 THUD* bill.

For FY 2019, the Administration has proposed elimination of the HOME program and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The proposed elimination of the CDBG program would reduce, and in some cases eliminate, the provision of vital community services and improvements to infrastructure. The elimination of the HOME program would cut off the last designated funding for affordable housing development for Santa Barbara County residents.

Please work with your colleagues on the Subcommittee to ensure that housing and community development programs critical to State and local governments are funded at the highest possible level in the *FY 2019 THUD* bill.

Sincerely yours,

Don Gilchrest
Washington Representative

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Enclosures