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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

August 31, 2018

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

Dear Congressman Carbajal:

We have sent the enclosed letters to the Agriculture Committee on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara to reiterate support for development of a bipartisan Farm Bill that protects the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and continues strong support for agriculture and conservation programs.

As Congress develops a conference agreement for the Farm Bill, please support the SNAP provisions in the Senate version of H.R. 2, the *Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018*. The new work requirements for SNAP that are in the House bill and the language that would restrict SNAP eligibility to individuals with incomes no more than 30 percent above the poverty level move the program in the wrong direction. These provisions would have the effect of terminating SNAP benefits for families currently eligible for the program and would also increase county administrative complexity in operating SNAP, since counties in California administer the program.

Please work with your colleagues on the Conference Committee to oppose provisions that would reduce eligibility and cut benefits to needy families who rely on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and include the highest possible authorization level for the program.

Sincerely yours,

Don Gilchrest
Washington Representative

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OPPOSITION TO THE SEPARATION OF FAMILIES AND SOLIDARITY WITH COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY NATIONAL IMMIGRATION POLICY

WHEREAS, our community is resilient, united, and stands together to reject national and local repression, xenophobia, and racism as we proclaim solidarity with all people in our community, and throughout the State, affected by unjust immigration policies directed at migrant communities; and

WHEREAS, we believe that we are all welcome in our community and embrace the enrichment this diversity creates in our County; and

WHEREAS, in California, migrant members of our region are deeply rooted in our social fabric and are a vital part of our local economy and community; and

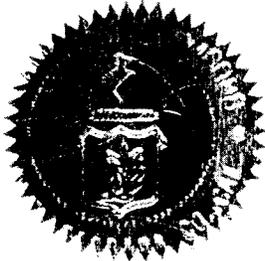
WHEREAS, we affirm that all people are created equal and that all persons deserve the right to due process with dignity no matter what their race, color, or creed; and

WHEREAS, no amount of intimidation against any community of color, religion, legal status, or social class will be allowable because we stand in unanimity against policies that promote unjust mistreatment of any individual, and;

WHEREAS, our community stands firmly against the forceful separation of families without due process or a plan for reunification and stands in solidarity with all individuals targeted by harsh national immigration policy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors affirms our County's solidarity with individuals affected by current immigration policy in our community and elsewhere.

Passed and adopted by a vote of 4:1 (Supervisor Adam Abstained) by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California on this 14th day of August, 2018.



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Supervisor - 1st District

Janet Wolf

Supervisor - 2nd District

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Supervisor - 5th District

ATTEST: *M. Shyaxab*

Clerk of the Board

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

Resolution No. 18-218

CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SUPPORT FOR IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES WHO SEEK OPPORTUNITY OR ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES ACCORDING TO ESTABLISHED LEGAL PROCESSES AND THOSE SWORN TO UPHOLD SUCH LEGAL PROCESSES

WHEREAS, we are a nation governed by due process and equal protection, where all people of every color, religion, legal status, gender, sexual orientation, or social class are treated fairly and are subject to the same legal process; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that a nation is only as legitimate as its resolve to enforce the laws that its People establish through democratic process; and

WHEREAS, we affirm that in a nation that uniformly applies its laws necessarily requires that all people within that nation follow and respect those laws equally; and

WHEREAS, we emphatically welcome all immigrants and refugees to the United States who follow the legal processes for immigration or asylum established by the People of the United States; and

WHEREAS, we express our sincere support and gratitude to all local, state, and federal law enforcement officers who are tasked with the often-thankless job of enforcing the laws established by the People through their democratic process; and

WHEREAS, our community understands that without the respect for democratically-established institutions and the dedication of law enforcement to support those institutions, our nation would relinquish its legitimacy and become a nation governed by mere emotional fiat.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors affirms our County's support for the rule of law and those tasked with supporting the administration of justice, as well as our County's commitment to preserve democratically-established legal process in our community and throughout the nation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 28th day of August, 2018 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



David M. ...
County Clerk

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