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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

October 18, 2018

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

Dear Representative Carbajal:

I have sent the enclosed letters to members of the Appropriations Committee on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara to request the highest level of funding possible for SCAAP and local public safety needs in the final version of the *FY 2019 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations* bill.

The County urges support for the \$255 million in SCAAP funding included in the House bill. Since 2000, the program has been reduced by 70 percent and California counties stand to lose the most when the program is underfunded. Underfunding SCAAP is particularly troubling because of the impact of criminal undocumented immigrants on the County jail, a direct result of the Federal government's failure to fulfill its immigration-related responsibilities.

In addition to SCAAP, the County requests your support for the highest level of funding possible for local public safety needs in FY 2019, including:

- 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
- Drug and Veterans Court administration and treatment; and,
- DNA cold case prosecution and forensic laboratory services.

Please continue to work with your colleagues to ensure funding to address the public safety needs of counties in the final FY 2019 CJS spending measure.

Sincerely yours,

Don Gilchrest  
 Washington Representative

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