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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
 United States Senate
 Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am writing on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara in support of funding for housing and community development programs in the *FY 2020 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations* bill.

Enclosed are letters that we have sent to the Subcommittee on THUD Appropriations urging the highest level of funding possible for these programs in FY 2020:

- The Community Development Block Grant program
- The HOME Investment Partnerships Act program
- McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance
- Elderly Housing
- Housing for People With AIDS

For FY 2020, the Administration has proposed elimination of the HOME and CDBG programs, which would undermine capital infrastructure, public service, microeconomic development and affordable housing. The availability of housing and community services supports stronger communities, improved outcomes in schools, and work-ready community residents. For every \$1 in CDBG and HOME funds expended, the community leverages over \$4 from other sources.

Please work with your colleagues to ensure that housing and community development programs critical to local governments are funded at the highest possible level in the *FY 2020 THUD* bill.

Sincerely yours,

Don Gilcrest
 Washington Representative

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 Enclosures