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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

October 25, 2019

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

Dear Representative Carbajal:

Thank you for your support for several local public health priorities in the *FY 2020 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations* bill.

As the House and Senate draft a final version of this bill in the coming weeks, the County of Santa Barbara requests your support for programs that promote healthy behaviors and activities, assist disaster preparedness and emergency medical response, and prevent harmful health conditions and ensure access to health care. Specific public health programs of importance to the County include:

- CDC's Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Hospital Preparedness funding;
- CDC's Community Prevention Grants;
- Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant;
- Tuberculosis control and prevention;
- Title X Family planning;
- Substance abuse block grants;
- Section 317 immunization programs;
- Mental health block grants;
- Preventative health services block grants;
- Ryan White HIV/AIDS programs, including ADAP (Part B);
- Health care safety net grants; and
- Community-based health and nutrition services for Older Americans.

State and local governments form the foundation of our nation's public health system and are an integral part of any emergency response plan. Please continue to work with the members of your Subcommittee to ensure that public health is funded at the highest possible level in FY 2020.

Sincerely yours,

Don Gilchrest
Washington Representative

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