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February 11, 2014

The Honorable Lois Capps  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2231 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Lois:

I have sent the attached letters on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to Chairwoman Foxx and Ranking Member Hinojosa of the House Education and the Workforce Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training to express the Board's support of the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA). I have attached a position paper adopted by the Board on OAA Reauthorization.

The County supports the reauthorization and expansion of the following programs under OAA:

- Elderly Nutrition Program
- Family Caregiver Programs (Title III E)
- Home and Community-Based Supportive Services (Title III B)

Furthermore the County supports increasing local flexibility to allow local AAAs to provide more customized support, increased authorization levels, strengthening the Long Term Care (LTC) Ombudsman Program.

Please support the reauthorization of the OAA and support efforts to maintain local control to coordinate OAA services for older Americans.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas P. Walters  
Washington Representative

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Attachments

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The Honorable Buck McKeon  
Member  
Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training  
Committee on Education and the Workforce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2310 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman McKeon:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to express their Board's support for the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA). I have attached a position paper adopted by the Board on OAA Reauthorization.

The Act allows the County to provide a wide range of critical services to its elderly population. It provides funds for programs to support meals-on-wheels, help to prevent elder abuse and exploitation, counsel seniors on their rights, coordinate legal services for those who cannot afford representation, and support telephone hotlines. The County's phenomenal population growth over the last two decades is projected to continue and as a result, the demand for senior-related services will increase.

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On behalf of the Board, I appreciate your consideration of our views as you work with your colleagues on the committee to draft and approve legislation to reauthorize the Older Americans Act.

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The Honorable Ruben Hinojosa  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training  
Committee on Education and the Workforce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2181 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Hinojosa:

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The Honorable Virginia Foxx, Chairwoman  
Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training  
Committee on Education and the Workforce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2181 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Foxx:

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The Honorable Susan Davis  
Member  
Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training  
Committee on Education and the Workforce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1526 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Davis:

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