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March 12, 2014

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

Dear Lois:

I have sent the enclosed letters to Chairman Goodlatte and Ranking Minority Member Conyers of the House Judiciary Committee, expressing the County's support for Congresswoman Bass' H.R. 3923, which would amend the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 to expand the authority of governmental social service agencies with child protection responsibilities to access the national crime information databases.

Please consider cosponsoring H.R. 3923, which has bipartisan support. The County's Department of Social Services is responsible for providing foster children with safe and stable home environments as quickly as possible. However, child welfare agencies such as the County's currently cannot access national crime information databases for use in their background checks for foster care placements. By providing access to the FBI's national criminal information databases, H.R. 3923 would enable child protection agencies to perform accurate and timely assessments of potential placements for foster children.

Please urge your colleagues who serve on the Judiciary Committee to take action on H.R. 3923 or similar legislation that would enable child protection workers to quickly place foster children in safe and stable home environments by performing background checks using national crime database information.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas P. Walters  
Washington Representative

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Enclosures

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March 27, 2014

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education,  
and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman DeLauro:

I am writing on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara to urge you to fund the Title XX Social Services Block Grant (SSBG), the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), and the Elder Justice Initiative at the highest possible level in the *FY 2015 Labor, HHS, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations* bill.

- Title XX funds are used for several programs of extreme importance to the residents of Santa Barbara County. These include In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), Child Welfare Services, and Community Care Licensing. In order for the County to maintain existing levels of service, Title XX funding is imperative.
- Community action agencies such as the Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara receive critical funding through CSBG, enabling them to partner with a variety of other agencies to provide services to assist low income working families and homeless individuals countywide in maintaining self-sufficiency. Locally, this includes services for children, teens, and seniors, as well as home energy assistance.
- Last year, there were 1,709 reported cases of abuse of the elderly and disabled reported in the County. Despite a growing need, there is no dedicated Federal funding stream to address Adult Protective Services, and the County supports the President's request of \$25 million for the Elder Justice Initiative, which would provide funding for Adult Protective Services, data collection, and research.

Please work with your colleagues on the Subcommittee to fund SSBG and CSBG at least at the current level when you consider the *FY 2015 Labor, HHS, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations* bill, and to provide the Administration's request for the Elder Justice Initiative.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Walters  
Washington Representative

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March 24, 2014

The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
United States Senate  
SH-112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Boxer:

I am writing you on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to request your support for the County's positions on two programmatic issues as your committee begins its consideration of the *FY 2015 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations* bill.

The County requests your support for the highest possible level of funding for EPA's State and Local Air Quality programs. Specifically, the Section 103 & 105 programs provide the resources to the County's Air Pollution Control District to perform basic air pollution control activities like monitoring air quality, developing and planning control options, permitting and inspecting sources, enforcing laws and regulations, and educating the public.

Furthermore, the County opposes any legislative effort to open up the California coast to new offshore energy exploration. Protecting the valuable coastal environment from oil and gas development has been a priority in Santa Barbara County since the devastating oil spill of 1969. California's 1,100-mile coastline is a national treasure that is the heart of a tourist industry that generates nearly \$5 billion in State and local taxes annually. Additional offshore oil leasing and production would degrade the quality of the County's air and water and adversely affect its marine resources.

As your committee begins to draft the *FY 2015 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations* bill, please support the County's positions on these funding and policy proposals.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas P. Walters  
Washington Representative

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March 26, 2014

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

Dear Lois:

I have sent the enclosed letters to Chairman Wolf and Ranking Member Fattah of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science, urging them to fund the County of Santa Barbara's local law enforcement needs at the highest possible level when the subcommittee drafts the *FY 2015 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations* bill. These include:

- *Reimbursement for the costs of adjudicating and incarcerating criminal illegal aliens, including SCAAP and the Southwest Border Prosecution Initiative;*
- *The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program;*
- *The COPS Community-Oriented Policing Program;*
- *Law Enforcement Technical Assistance Grants;*
- *Juvenile justice and delinquency prevention, including gang prevention;*
- *Violence against Women;*
- *Prisoner reentry, diversion, and recidivism prevention activities, including those addressing the mentally ill;*
- *Drug Courts, Mental Health Courts, and Veterans Treatment Courts; and,*
- *DNA Cold Case prosecution and forensic laboratory services.*

Adequate funding is critical to the County's efforts to effectively and efficiently implement law enforcement and public safety at the local level. Please support the programs and priorities listed above, and urge your colleagues who serve on the subcommittee to provide the highest level of funding possible for them when they mark up the *FY 2015 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations* bill.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas P. Walters  
Washington Representative

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April 1, 2014

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

Dear Lois:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to express their support for the highest level of funding for housing and community development programs as the Appropriations Committee begins consideration of the *FY 2015 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations* bill.

For FY 2015, the Administration has proposed to fund the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program at \$2.8 billion – a reduction from the highest authorized level. This program is vital to the County to provide increased opportunities to plan, implement, and evaluate local community development and housing assistance programs and would urge your support of the highest level of funding for CDBG program this year.

Other specific housing and development programs of importance to the County include:

- HOME Investment Partnerships,
- McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Homeless programs – especially the Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant programs,
- Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA); and,
- Elderly Housing.

Please work with your colleagues that serve on the Committee to ensure that housing and community development programs critical to State and local governments are funded at the highest possible level in the *FY 2015 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations* bill.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas P. Walters  
Washington Representative

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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

March 20, 2014

The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
United States Senate  
SH-112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Boxer:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to express their support for the highest level of funding for local bioterrorism and public health infrastructure responsibilities in the FY 2015 *Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations* bill.

State and local governments form the foundation of our nation's public health system, and are an integral part of any emergency response plan, whether a threat or an attack is biological, chemical, or conventional. The strength of this foundation depends on sustained, consistent investment and cooperation between all levels of government to address public health and infrastructure issues. Specific bioterrorism programs of particular importance to the County include:

- CDC's Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreements;
- Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMATs) funded under the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS).

In addition, the County supports the highest level of funding for the following important public health infrastructure programs:

- Community health centers;
- Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant;
- Tuberculosis control and prevention;
- CDC's Public Health Workforce Development;
- CDC's Community Prevention Grants;
- Title X Family planning;
- Substance abuse block grants;

- Section 317 immunization programs;
- Mental health block grants;
- Preventative health services block grants;
- Prevention & Public Health Fund;
- Health care safety net grants; and
- Community-based health and nutrition services for older Americans

Please work with your colleagues on the Subcommittee to ensure that counter-bioterrorism and public health infrastructure activities performed by State and local governments are funded at the highest possible level in the FY 2015 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Walters". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Thomas P. Walters  
Washington Representative

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March 24, 2014

The Honorable Robert Aderholt, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug  
Administration, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2362-A Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to express its support for the highest level of funding possible for programs of critical importance to the County in the *FY 2015 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill*.

**Pest Detection and Prevention, Specialty Crops, and other programs**

County requests the highest level of funding possible for APHIS' Section 10201 Program. The Section 10201 program provides funding to State and local agencies to prevent the introduction or spread of plant pests and diseases. With a total annual crop value of \$1.9 billion and protecting the County's more than 40 different crops from destructive pests and diseases is crucial. Section 10201 enables the County Agricultural Commissioner to respond quickly to prevent the spread of these harmful pests and diseases.

Additionally the Board supports the highest level of funding for the Specialty Crop Block Grant program, the Specialty Crop Research program, and the Food Safety & Inspection Service.

**Women, Infants, & Children**

The County's Public Health Department operates the Women, Infants & Children (WIC) nutrition program and currently serves over 24,000 clients at nine locations. A high level of funding for WIC will allow Santa Barbara County to continue serve families that need assistance.

As your committee begins its consideration of the *FY 2015 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill*, please support the highest level of funding possible for these programs.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas P. Walters".

Thomas P. Walters  
Washington Representative

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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

April 4, 2014

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

Dear Lois:

I am writing on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara to request your support for legislation to reauthorize the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21).

Enclosed for your information are letters I have sent to Senate Environment and Public Works Chairwoman Boxer and Ranking Minority Member Vitter requesting their support for the County's priorities in the drafting of MAP-21 reauthorization this year.

Enacting a new Surface Transportation Authorization is critical for the nation's transportation system to support economic development and create jobs. Federal transportation investment is needed to improve safety, maintain our infrastructure investment, reduce congestion, and improve mobility across all modes of transportation.

As Congress debates legislation to reauthorize MAP-21, please work with your colleagues who serve on the Committee to address these essential priorities.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Walters  
Washington Representative

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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

March 21, 2014

The Honorable Barbara Boxer, Chairwoman  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
SD-410 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Madam Chair:

I am writing on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara to reiterate the following priorities as you draft a conference agreement for Water Resources Development Act reauthorization legislation:

- The County opposes any language that would de-authorize projects simply because they have not been funded. The focus should be on project merits, not funding stream. In the case of the Lower Mission Creek project, substantial work and financial investment have been made and the project should not be summarily de-authorized simply because more recent funding has not been available.
- Include provisions to require that the Army Corps' Vegetation Management Policy be reviewed and revised to take into consideration regional characteristics and habitat for species of concern.
- Support a Public-Private Partnership Pilot Program and increase opportunities for non-Federal interests to support or expedite projects. These innovative efforts could be important for completion of projects such as the Lower Mission Creek flood control project.
- Ensure that any National Levee Safety Program is focused on safety and maximized flexibility to avoid counter-productive bureaucracy.
- Provide maximum possible direction to Federal agencies to aggressively implement Regional Sediment Managements Plans. Much more specific direction to allow sediment disposal for beach nourishment is needed.

Thank you for your consideration of these priorities as you develop a Water Resources Development Act reauthorization conference agreement.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Walters  
Washington Representative

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