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February 26, 2013

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

Dear Senator Boxer:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to express its concerns regarding the impacts of the impending sequestration cuts on the County's local responsibilities and provision of services to its residents.

As you know, California counties are responsible for many programs and services provided at the State level in other regions of the country. Santa Barbara County, like so many other local jurisdictions in California, has been impacted dramatically by the recession and ongoing economic crises of the last several years. It has faced a perfect storm of severely diminished revenue due to decreased local property and sales tax collection, coupled with a substantial increase in the demand for services. Despite the economic climate, the County must still comply with Federal and State mandates, deliver essential services to its citizens and businesses, and ensure public safety and health.

If sequestration is allowed to take place, the County will lose significant Federal resources across a broad spectrum of programs that it relies on to meet its mandated responsibilities to provide essential services to local residents. The cuts will impact services that include: public safety; public health; disaster preparedness and response; job training; community and economic development, social services and homeless assistance; and, services to protect the elderly. This will exacerbate an already untenable situation.

Indiscriminate, across-the-board cuts will create unfunded mandates and unfairly shift a significant fiscal burden to local governments such as the County of Santa Barbara. Please urge both the Majority and Minority Leadership to work together to take action to avoid sequestration.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas P. Walters
Washington Representative

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

Dear Lois:

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
SH-331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

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