

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 18, 2019

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Republican Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McConnell, Leader McCarthy, and Leader Schumer:

Thank you for your leadership of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. We appreciate the opportunity to work together to support the American people. With the recess behind us, our attention now turns to crafting a compromise on an end of year funding bill to keep the government funded through the 2020 Fiscal Year. While there are many important issues at stake during this effort, our responsibility to ensure robust funding for the state and local law enforcement officers that keep Californians and all Americans safe, is paramount.

This critical funding is provided through a number of federal grant programs and direct spending initiatives administered through the Department of Justice (DoJ). In June, the House of Representatives passed a Commerce-Justice-Science appropriations package that expanded funding for law enforcement over FY 2019 levels. The vital appropriations included:

- \$530.25 million for Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (compared to \$497 million in FY19);
- \$323 million for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program (compared to \$303.5 million in FY19);
- \$581.5 million to fund the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA);
- \$100 million to support survivors of human trafficking;
- \$2.357 billion for the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to fund additional anti-opioid and gang efforts; and
- \$501 million in assistance to state and local governments for grants authorized by the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act, as well as other opioid-related activities.

Not only do these programs equip California law enforcement officers with the resources they need to protect communities across the state, but they also provide the means to effectively combat broader issues facing Californians and all Americans.

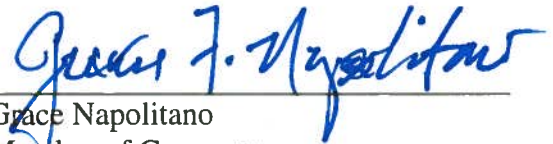
As the Senate considers its own spending measures, I urge you to resist cuts to law enforcement programs. Day in and day out the brave men and women of state and local law enforcement in California and across the country risk their lives to fulfill their duty and keep their neighbors safe. We must now fulfill our duty, and ensure they have the critical resources they need to do their jobs safely, efficiently, and humanely.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this request.

Sincerely,



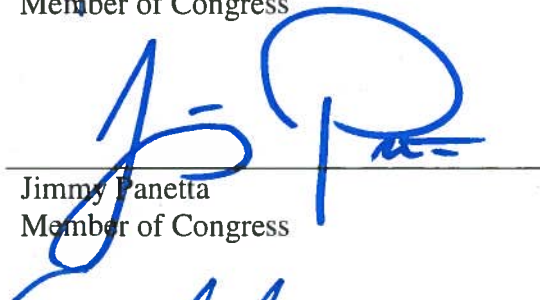
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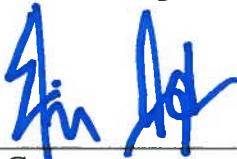
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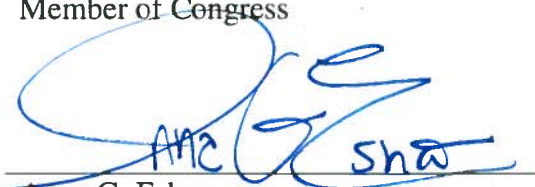
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