



September 11, 2015

Re: Opposition to Proposed Federal Funding Cuts for Cities with Sanctuary Ordinances

Dear California Senators and Representatives:

We write in opposition to recent proposals in Congress that would withhold funding from cities with so-called sanctuary ordinances. While not all of our communities have in place the policies targeted by these legislative measures, as mayors of many of California's largest cities we collectively rely on federal homeland security and public safety funds to keep our residents and our regions secure. Several pieces of pending federal legislation would severely jeopardize the safety of our cities. We ask for your support in urging Congress to oppose these harmful proposals.

California is home to nearly 39 million people and roughly one-quarter of the foreign-born population nationwide. The unique challenges facing our communities are as diverse as the citizens that inhabit them, and in some cases our cities are separated by great distances. However, as California mayors we are united by the intertwined regions that comprise our state, and by the shared responsibility to keep our residents safe. The legislation introduced in Congress to eliminate funding for many of California's cities would needlessly endanger all of our constituents by undermining programs that provide collective protection against terrorist attacks, street violence, and natural disasters. Proposed in the name of public safety, these misguided measures would only serve to place us all at risk.

Nobody cares more deeply than mayors about the safety of our residents, which is why cities across California are carefully reviewing the policies and procedures in place to keep repeat, serious, and violent felons off of our streets. The proposed funding cuts would undermine the

safety of our communities. We urge Congress to oppose these measures, and instead to encourage further cooperation between local and federal partners.

Sincerely,



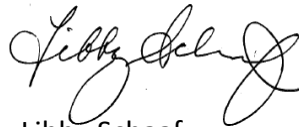
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Cc: The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Majority Leader, United States Senate
The Honorable Harry Reid, Minority Leader, United States Senate
The Honorable John Boehner, Speaker, United States House of Representatives