



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria
Director

February 22, 2019

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United State Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: The Fighting Homelessness through Services and Housing Act – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Feinstein:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support the Fighting Homelessness through Services and Housing Act, legislation that would authorize a new funding stream for supportive housing to address homelessness.

As you are aware, the County of San Bernardino is committed to ending homelessness and has made great strides towards that aim, including housing over 1,000 homeless veterans in our community.

Despite our progress, homelessness continues to be a persistent problem that impacts cities and communities throughout San Bernardino County. According to the 2018 Point-In-Time Count Homeless Survey, the number of homeless was 2,118. A comparison of the last two counts revealed that 252 more persons were counted in 2018, which represents an increase of 13.5%. Despite our investments in positive programs such as permanent supportive housing, homeless outreach, and aggressive use of the “housing first” and “rapid re-housing” protocols, the homeless population in San Bernardino County continues to grow.

This bill will provide \$750 million per year subject to annual appropriations for cities and counties, and up to \$5 million available for planning grants, with the remaining amount available for housing and services.

For the reasons, the County is pleased to support your legislation. Should you have any questions regarding the County’s position, please contact Josh Candelaria, Governmental and Legislative Director, at 909 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Curt Hagman in black ink.

CURT HAGMAN
Fourth District Supervisor
Chairman

Handwritten signature of Josie Gonzales in black ink.

JOSIE GONZALES
Fifth District Supervisor
Vice Chair

cc: San Bernardino County Congressional Delegation

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