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Dear Mr. Magrino:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area in its application for the Securing the Cities (STC) program of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Through this proposal, the Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area seeks to enhance the region's radiological and nuclear detection and interdiction capabilities. Specifically, this initiative will enable the Urban Area to better share intelligence, real-time nuclear detection information, archived data for trend analysis, and lessons learned from operational and training deployments. These efforts are vitally important to helping keep this region safe, as it faces a wide volume of threats given its large size, modern infrastructure, and the hundreds of high profile events the region hosts as the center of the film and entertainment industry.

This region's public safety partners have a strong and proven track record of communication, collaboration, and cooperation that make it ideally suited to developing and implementing this type of program. Through several DHS planning initiatives, the region has demonstrated the ability to work effectively and collaboratively. Furthermore, as a Tier 1 UASI Urban Area, the region benefits from a robust and effective governance structure, which helps ensure that each jurisdiction's needs are met.

For these reasons, I strongly support this regional collaboration.

Sincerely,


Janice Hahn
Member of Congress