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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0533

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Ms. Denise E. O'Donnell
Director
Bureau of Justice Assistance
U. S. Department of Justice
810 7th Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20531

Dear Director O'Donnell,

I write to express my support for the \$9,521 grant requested by the Santa Monica, California Police Department under the Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program. The requested grant funds will support the purchase of 21 bulletproof vests for the officers in their jurisdiction.

The Santa Monica Police Department's 205 sworn officers serve an estimated population of 92,472. The officers have voluntarily exposed themselves to the dangers and risks that come with being a police officer for the sake of their community and while also providing mutual aid in the Los Angeles region. These officers deserve to be protected with the most effective bulletproof vests available.

Since its inception in the 1990s, I understand that the Bulletproof Vest Partnership program has helped state and local jurisdictions procure more than one million vests. By awarding the City a Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant, these law enforcement officers who selflessly serve by maintaining regular patrols and responding to calls for service, will have life-saving protection.

I appreciate your consideration and strongly encourage you to award a grant to the City of Santa Monica. If you have any questions, please contact my staffer, Megan Price, at 202-225-3976.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress