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The Honorable Jimmy Panetta
304 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
1401 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 516, the Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act – Support

Dear Congressman Panetta and Congresswoman Lofgren:

On behalf of the County of Monterey, I am writing to express our support for the Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act (H.R. 516). This bill addresses the root causes of homelessness and would authorize funding for supportive housing models with comprehensive services.

This proposed legislation would fight homelessness in the United States by authorizing a grant program within the Health Resources and Services Administration for housing programs that offer comprehensive services and intensive case management for homeless individuals and families. Specifically, this bill would authorize \$1 billion annually to help local governments address homelessness. It also recognizes that solving homelessness requires significantly more affordable housing as well as comprehensive mental health care, substance use disorder treatment, and job training. Grant recipients would be required to provide 25% of project funds and report on measures of success, including whether individuals remain housed.

We appreciate your continued support for Monterey County, and we urge you to co-sponsor H.R. 516, the Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act.

Sincerely,

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Glenn Church, Chair
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