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July 29, 2013

The Honorable Janet Napolitano  
Secretary of Homeland Security  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20528

Re: Support for Port of Hueneme's FY2013 Port Security Grant Program Application

Dear Secretary Napolitano:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Port of Hueneme's FY2013 Port Security Grant Program application. The projects are essential to the safety and security of our region.

The Port of Hueneme is seeking funds through the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) to support and improve its ability to manage security risks, provide greater security and efficiency in the regional/domestic supply chain and maximize economic security. A collaborative, layered strategy represents the cornerstone of security in the maritime domain for the Port of Hueneme Port Area. The projects proposed in this application represent a regional alliance of government agencies, law enforcement teams, and maritime industries as part of an on-going effort to strengthen the security of the Port Area and its waterways.

The Port of Hueneme is a connection to world markets and serves as a priority gateway for the Western U.S. and Canada. The Port plays a vital role in the intermodal logistics supply chain and is critical to the economic health of Ventura County and Southern California. As a U.S. Port of Entry, the Port supports the transport of over \$7 billion in cargo, generates a \$1 billion economic impact, and provides more than 9,400 direct, indirect, induced and influenced jobs regionally. The Port handles over 1.35 million metric tons of cargo transported on over 1,000 deep and shallow draft ocean-going vessels.

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The Port is applying for grant funding for the following projects:

- Visual Port and Landside Detection Enhancements: This project will enhance surveillance by adding cameras and video analytics as well as building upon their virtual survey system to better provide up-to-date spatial information via a web viewer to port security personnel and associated public safety agencies.
- Port Security Equipment, Gear & Joint Operations Security Center (JOSC) Enhancements: This project will provide necessary security equipment, facility and gear enhancements including securing backside of JOSC, Wharfinger watchtower, and bomb suits.
- Training & Exercises: This project will provide training and exercises to increase the ability of the Port and local response agencies to prepare for, respond to and recover from technological, natural and man-made disasters affecting the Port.

The Port of Hueneme has been a responsible steward of federal Port Security Grant funding and I am proud to say that the Port of Hueneme has the highest drawdown rate of all U.S. ports with a drawdown rate of 87%.

The Port provides layered security to the human, industrial and facility capital within the Port working with its Port Security Stakeholders. The projects proposed in this application will maximize the Port's ability to deliver layered security and address existing vulnerabilities that will best protect the Port and all its resources.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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