August 8, 2019

The Honorable Ted Lieu
403 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: H.R. 3571, the City and State Diplomacy Act of 2019
   City of Beverly Hills - SUPPORT

Dear Representative Lieu:

The City of Beverly Hills is pleased to SUPPORT H.R. 3571, the City and State Diplomacy Act of 2019. As a local government that is actively engaged with our foreign counterparts around the world, we look forward to the opportunity of leveraging the resources and expertise of the United States State Department.

We know first-hand the critical role city and state governments increasingly play in advancing international affairs and United States national interests through subnational diplomacy. Specifically, the City of Beverly Hills in the last year has traveled to Mexico and Israel to discuss matters of importance to our city with leaders in these nations.

As you are aware, it is common for local governments to work with foreign governments, businesses, investors, academic and cultural institutions on a host of disparate issues including economic development, education, health, security and other interrelated matters that make us all truly interdependent. Cities throughout your congressional district and the country as a whole are regularly engaged in such activities.

In light of this reality, establishing an Office of Subnational Diplomacy under the auspices of the United States State Department is a productive initiative as the Office of Subnational Diplomacy will coordinate overall United States policy and programs in support of subnational engagements across federal agencies while providing advisory support and assistance to local governments.
For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills is pleased to SUPPORT your H.R. 3571. Thank you for authoring this important measure.

Sincerely,

John A. Minnisch
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills