



## CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Julian A. Gold M.D., Mayor

May 9, 2018

Senator Dianne Feinstein  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support Full Funding for Emergency Management Performance Grant

Dear Senator Feinstein,

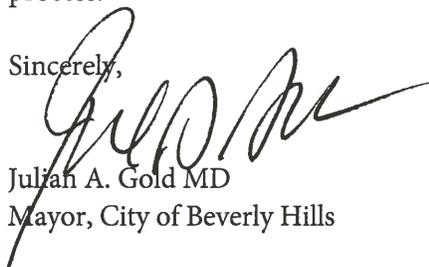
As the Mayor of Beverly Hills, I respectfully urge you to support full funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program in the Fiscal Year 2019 Homeland Security Appropriations Act. The City of Beverly Hills' emergency management program, using EMPG funding, works in coordination, cooperation, and collaboration with all City departments and stakeholders to strengthen our ability to prepare for, mitigate against, respond to and recover from any disaster.

Beverly Hills is a community that depends on a robust emergency response system, not just within our own jurisdiction but also throughout our region. The cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica, and West Hollywood receive EMPG funding via a pass through grant from Los Angeles County. Our jurisdictions work together to provide direct funding at the local level for disaster programs, training, and outreach efforts which create a culture of preparedness that builds and sustains disaster-resistant and resilient communities.

Our City does not support the proposed FY 2019 budget plan as it relates to the EMPG program. Reducing EMPG funding, particularly in natural prone disaster areas, is too risky. Any decrease in EMPG funding would undermine the effectiveness of the nation's emergency management programs and impair the ability of local and county governments to mitigate, prepare, respond and recover from a major disaster. EMPG funding, moreover, plays a critical role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System by supporting the building, sustainment, and delivery of core emergency operations and capabilities essential to achieving secure and resilient communities.

In closing, we urge you to fully support EMPG funding in the FY 2019 Homeland Security appropriations process.

Sincerely,

  
Julian A. Gold MD  
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: Jaime Jones, David Turch & Associates