



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Lili Bosse, Mayor

May 24, 2017

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

Dear Representative Lieu,

On behalf of the City 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 2018 budget. Federal EMPG funding 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. Specifically, the EMPG program supports comprehensive emergency management at the local level, which allows cities to prepare for, respond to and mitigate both natural and manmade disasters.

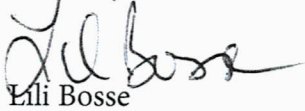
Our City is opposed to any reduction to FEMA funding for Fiscal Year 2018. Any decrease in EMPG funding would not only undermine the effectiveness of the nation's emergency management programs, but it would undermine the ability of Beverly Hills to prepare, respond and recovery from a major disaster. Without proper funding and without the assistance of EMPG funding, our ability to aide our community in recovering from a major disaster will be hampered.

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 for disaster programs, training, and outreach efforts which creates a culture of preparedness that builds and sustains disaster-resistant and resilient communities.

EMPG also helps states coordinate this support and assistance among counties, both within and across state lines, ultimately creating a national emergency management structure that helps to save lives and lessen the physical and financial impact of disasters.

As Congress deliberates over the FY 2018 federal budget, please do all you can to ensure that EMPG is fully funded as this program is absolutely essential to local emergency managers to plan for, respond to, and recover from natural and man-made disasters. All of our residents, businesses, and first responders depend on your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eli Bosse", written in a cursive style.

Eli Bosse

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills