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Public Comment - Public Safety

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Good morning,

Please see attached for a Letter of Support for Rural Safety Funding (Rural Crime Prevention) in Northern Santa Barbara County as part of the Budget Hearing – Public Safety Functional Group on June 16, 2026.

Thank you,  
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*Via electronic mail only to [sbcob@countyofsb.org](mailto:sbcob@countyofsb.org)*

Re: Support for Rural Safety Funding (Rural Crime Prevention) in Northern Santa Barbara County – Budget Hearing – Public Safety on June 16, 2026

Dear Chair Nelson and Supervisors:

On behalf of the Association, we are writing to express appreciation for recent efforts to improve Rural Safety (Rural Crime Prevention) in Northern Santa Barbara County and support for funding to continue to address this important issue in the coming fiscal year.

We commend the multi-pronged, interdisciplinary team approach that is needed to support meaningful improvements and to deter repeat, egregious actions. Key contributors include District Attorney Savrnach and his team, and Sheriff Brown and his team, and especially Detective Fleming, among others who contribute to each step in protecting Rural Safety for our community.

Although we recognize the challenges of this fiscal year, we urge the continued consideration of unique Rural Safety needs in the upcoming budget discussions. Continued and proactive support will help to reinforce the progress that has been made, and prevent a deterioration of circumstances that would take greater resources to recover from, both for the County and for the residents and businesses in Northern Santa Barbara County.

We appreciate your leadership on this issue and partnership in working to protect our community!

The Grower-Shipper Association of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties represents growers, shippers, farm labor contractors, and supporting agribusinesses. Our members grow diverse field and nursery crops such as broccoli, strawberries, wine grapes, vegetable transplants, flowers, and tree fruit.

Sincerely,

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