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Supervisor Salud Carbajal
County of Santa Barbara
105 E. Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Study on Poverty in Santa Barbara County

Dear Supervisor Carbajal,

I read with great interest the proposal for funding a study on poverty in Santa Barbara County that you are presenting at the November 15 meeting of the Board of Supervisors. I fully support the study. Needless to say, Transition House is serving those households which are most deeply impacted by the rising level of poverty as a result of the recession and the decrease in both public and private resources. Transition House is grateful to you for proposing the study.

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I think both the process of such a study, as well as the data collected, will be of great benefit in educating both elected officials and the public on the challenges this population faces, and the impact the increase in poverty is having on both public agencies and private non-profits that attempt to fill the safety net gap.

I am unable to attend Tuesday's meeting, but wanted to lend my support. Please let Transition House know how we can assist you in your efforts.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baushke
Executive Director

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