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The Honorable David Valadao
U.S. House of Representatives
2465 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Alex Padilla
U.S. Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Adam Schiff
U.S. Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

**RE: Emergency communications extreme conditions vehicle equipment community
project funding request**

Dear Representative Valadao, Senator Padilla and Senator Schiff,

I am writing on behalf of the Kern County Board of Supervisors to express strong support for community project funding and congressionally directed spending for the First Responder Emergency Communications Extreme Conditions Vehicle Equipment project in Kern County. This request seeks \$500,000 to ensure that critical emergency communications infrastructure remains accessible and operational during severe winter conditions.

Kern County's public safety radio system relies on 28 remote mountaintop communications towers that serve first responders across a vast and often rugged geography. During extreme winter weather, heavy snowfall can block access to these sites, preventing emergency communications technicians from performing necessary repairs and maintenance. When these towers are unreachable, first responders may lose reliable radio communications at the very moment they are needed most.

The requested funding would support the purchase of specialized equipment capable of clearing snow and allowing technicians to safely reach these remote locations during extreme conditions. This capability is essential to maintaining uninterrupted radio communications for law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, and other public safety personnel who protect lives and property throughout the region.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to public safety and emergency preparedness. We respectfully urge your support for this important project and appreciate your consideration of this request on behalf of the residents of Kern County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phillip Peters", with a stylized, flowing script.

Phillip Peters, Chairman
Kern County Board of Supervisors

cc: Kern County General Services Division
Townsend Public Affairs