



August 30, 2018

Pima County Board of Supervisors  
130 W. Congress Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Tucson, AZ 85743

Dear Chairman and Members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors:

Over the past several months, I have witnessed the County Board of Supervisors wrestle with the issue of whether to receive or reject federal grant monies associated with Operation Stonegarden (OPSG). I am writing this letter to urge you to vote to continue receiving these funds. While some may be convinced that receiving such funds means tacitly or overtly agreeing with political positions contrary to deeply held personal beliefs, the reality is these funds have been used for nearly fifteen years under the leadership of multiple political parties to further our efforts to keep our communities safe.

Operation Stonegarden funding is, and has been in the past, used to assist local law enforcement with the financial resources to provide focused attention on very complex and devastating problems facing the communities we are called upon to serve and protect. Problems related to human trafficking, sex trafficking (of adults and children), drug trafficking, and terrorism is troubling for all of us. I am concerned that the loss of OPSG funds will hinder our efforts to address such crimes and allow transnational organized criminal activity to go largely unchecked.

In closing, I would like to say that I am in agreement with the sentiments expressed in the letters written by Sheriff Napier, the Arizona Sheriff's Association and the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Managers association as it relates to the importance of this funding to the safety of our communities. I join them in asking you to vote to continue to receive these funds.

Sincerely,

Terry S. Rozema  
Chief of Police