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To the Ventura County Board of Supervisors,

I am a 42 year resident of Ventura County. My experiences, as an equine practitioner, college professor, school board member, and non-profit board of director for Community Action of Ventura County and Adelante Comunidad Conejo, have shown me many times over that our county is blessed with an amazing array of nonprofits dedicated to making Ventura County a great place to live.

I have seen how the Conejo Community Outreach Diaper Bank stepped up to make the lives of lower income families with little ones healthier and much less stressful. As a former business owner and educator, I know that families with young children are the economic lifeblood of our county, but the expenses facing young families are often too much to handle. No family should have to consider leaving their child in a wet or dirty diaper because of fears that their paychecks won't last for the rest of the month. This is where the Conejo Community Diaper Bank comes to the rescue, providing diapers and wipes to more than 350 Ventura County families each year. Over the last few years, I have watched the number of families receiving their help expand. The Diaper Bank's leaders are effective in securing grants and developing broad community support. They are, in every way, a model non-profit.

I urge you to set aside any disagreements that might arise. Do the right thing by providing added support to families with little children who are struggling to make ends meet during very tough times.

Sincerely,  
Betsy Connolly DVM