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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin/Veteran Village Proposal

I am writing on behalf of Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative (MHVI) in support of Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin's Veteran Village Proposal in Milwaukee. For over 10 years, it's been MHVI's mission to help homeless and at-risk veterans reach and maintain their highest levels of independence. Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin shares a very similar mission in trying to help homeless and at-risk veterans obtain stability by providing food, shelter and other basic needs.

Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin's mission was very evident when my staff and I had the opportunity to visit the James A. Petersen Veteran Village and SC Johnson Community Center in Racine a month ago. We were very impressed with the beautiful homes as well as the food pantry and community center that veterans share. The Veteran Village provides a sense of community allowing veterans to be together and support each other. Most importantly, it's a path to stability and independence.

As a partner of Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin, we fully support the Milwaukee Proposal. With the increasing needs of homeless and at-risk veterans, duplicating the Veteran Village in Milwaukee will allow Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin to reach more veterans in order to provide the basic needs and quality of life of they deserve.

With Kind Regards,

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