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The Honorable Mike Thompson
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC, 20515

Dear Congressman Thomspson,

Our Agency is in full support of the Lake County Probation Department's request for Community Project Funding related to the Justice-Involved Housing Project and Workforce Development associated with the project. Not only will this project bring housing to individuals who are reentering society from incarceration, it will also provide workforce training.

Lake County Probation has proven its commitment to supporting individuals who are serious about reentering society while making their lives better. Probation provides pathways for change by linking individuals to treatment for substance use and mental health challenges, guiding individuals on thought process change, and by linking individuals to job training and employment opportunities.

Supportive housing for those on probation supervision is non-existent in Lake County, and this project will have a huge impact on those that are unhoused and improving the lives of Lake County residents.

Lake County is fortunate to have strong workforce programs in place, yet funding and stability remain ongoing challenges for individuals reentering the community. One such program is North Coast Opportunities' BUILD Program, which provides hands-on construction training and job placement assistance. Participants involved in the reentry housing project could gain practical experience through construction of the housing units and home hardening efforts throughout Lake County, further strengthening workforce development outcomes.

Funding this project would not only expand housing access but also support sustainable workforce pathways for a population with significant need. The long-term benefits to community safety, economic stability, and individual success are substantial.

We wholeheartedly support Lake County Probation's request and respectfully urge your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Daniel McIntire', written over a light blue circular scribble.

Daniel McIntire
Chief Executive Officer