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Ms. Caroline Crouse
Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs
Community Planning and Development
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street, SW; Room 7256
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Ms. Crouse:

I write to express my strong support for the San Diego Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH)'s Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) Coordinated Community Plan (CCP).

The Coordinated Community Plan represents a truly collaborative effort among RTFH staff and leaders, community health and service providers, youth-specific providers, government partners, HUD Technical Assistance, and most significantly, the Youth Action Board (YAB). I am excited to know that the CCP will center youth in the design and oversight of all activities. Youth with lived experiences will be critical to ensuring that the most urgent resources are directed most effectively to those experiencing the most need. The CCP is also built within San Diego's existing ecosystem, which lays the groundwork for a youth-specific continuum that is strengthened by our region's existing robust Continuum of Care. Furthermore, the CCP identifies detailed, actionable goals and intends to outline best practices to share with other Continuums of Care across the country to end youth homelessness.

In Congress, I have supported federal funding levels to address homelessness that are commensurate with the need in San Diego, and I was honored to support the YHDP application for the RTFH. The CCP demonstrates a significant opportunity to end youth homelessness in San Diego and I look forward to its final version later this spring. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Kiera Galloway of my San Diego office at 858-455-5550 or by email at Kiera.Galloway@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Scott Peters
Member of Congress