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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0552

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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) Continuum of Care's application for the Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) grant released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The RTFH, if selected for the YHDP, will continue to build upon and strengthen the collaboration of sharing existing resources and best practices within local agencies on issues that affect our communities involving housing and homelessness. The YHDP is a crucial tool in achieving our region's objective to end homelessness for youth in San Diego County.

San Diego is known for its collaborative spirit and its innovative solutions to complex problems. Addressing homelessness has been no exception and the RTFH has been invaluable in ensuring private, public, and nonprofit entities in our region are coordinated in their efforts to assist individuals experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. Working to resolve youth homelessness poses its own challenges, and the RTFH's robust infrastructure situates the Task Force to maximize stakeholder collaboration and coordination. Additionally, working within the San Diego Promise Zone will enable the RTFH to leverage existing resources and develop future interagency partnerships that will advance the goal of eliminating youth homelessness in our region.

I strongly support the RTFH's grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Youth Homeless Demonstration Project, and appreciate your consideration to fund this critical effort. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Kiera Galloway of my San Diego Office by phone at 858-455-5550 or by email at Kiera.Galloway@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Scott Peters
Member of Congress

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