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Subject: Endeavors Letter of Support for SSVF Grant

Dear Mr. Kuhn,

I write to express my support for Family Endeavors, Inc.'s (dba Endeavors) application to renew its the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) grant. The SSVF Program at Endeavors provides rapid rehousing services to at risk and homeless veterans and their families. Endeavors staff provide intensive case management services to all eligible veterans.

For 50 years, Endeavors has assisted vulnerable people in crisis, including veterans and their family members. Some of the services they offer include: mental health services, supportive housing, employment services, homeless services and holistic services to individuals in crisis. Endeavors Veteran Supportive Services program has given over 250 at-risk and homeless veterans housing stability services in the past year alone.

My office has worked with Endeavors for roughly two years, collaborating with them as a referral resource for veterans who are experiencing homelessness or some form of housing crisis. Additionally, Endeavors has connected my office with veterans in need of assistance obtaining VA or Social Security benefits. This partnership enabled my team to help a participant, who was homeless per U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines, obtain his VA service-connected benefits; a highly positive outcome for a deserving individual and veteran.

I am committed to our veterans and their families and I am confident in Endeavors' continued efforts to serve them. This organization is integral to the local veteran community and ensuring that our veterans and their families can have access to shelter is important to me. These honorable men and women risked life and limb to protect our freedom and it is our duty to safeguard their rights and services at veterans. As such, I kindly ask for all full and fair consideration of Family Endeavors, Inc.'s renewal application for the Supportive Services for Veteran Families Grant. Should you have any questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Jose Borjon, at (202) 225-2531 or my District Director, Stephanie Toscano, at (956) 682-5545.

Sincerely,



Vicente Gonzalez  
Member of Congress