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Dorothy Teeter, Director
Washington State Health Care Authority
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Dear Ms. Teeter:

On behalf of Key Property Services, Inc. of Vancouver, WA I am writing to express our strong support for the Supportive Housing Medicaid benefit proposed in the Healthier Washington Initiative's 1115 Medicaid Transformation Waiver application to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

As a property management company that has unique experience managing hundreds of units of supportive housing throughout Clark County, WA we see daily how supportive housing is highly effective in helping people who are chronically homeless access and retain permanent housing and regular, appropriate levels of health services. This intervention leads to housing stability, positive health outcomes, and improved utilization of health and social services. These proven outcomes result in significant savings to public systems that often exceed the cost of providing supportive housing.

One of the barriers to bringing supportive housing fully to scale in Washington is a shortage of funding for the housing services that are critical to the model's success. If approved, the Supportive Housing Medicaid benefit will bring additional resources for supportive housing services to Washington and will help make the expansion of this intervention financially feasible.

In Clark County we have struggled to make our existing supported housing programs operate, often subsidizing them with whatever means we can to ensure they continue to provide the incredibly valuable service we know they provide. With this benefit we can strengthen our existing resources, encourage development of more resources, and further our mission to ensure everyone has a safe and decent home.

Thank you for proposing a Supportive Housing Medicaid benefit in Washington's 1115 Medicaid Transformation Waiver application. If implemented, this proposal will create significant health care savings while ensuring people with serious disabilities are able to live with security, autonomy and dignity in their own communities.

Sincerely,

Craig Lyons, Owner

Eric Johnson, Owner