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Honorable Judge Kathleen Gearin
Ramsey County District Court
15 W. Kellogg Boulevard, Room 1700
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Re: *In the matter of Temporary Funding of Core Functions of the Executive Branch of the State of Minnesota Case No. 62-cv-11-5203*

Dear Judge Gearin:

A partner for Affordable Housing (PAH) submits this request in regard to the Minnesota Attorney General's petition for continuation of state funding of core services in the event of a government shutdown. We are aware that your court is being asked to make a determination which government services, like our nonprofit organization, a grantee recipient of the State, shall be found as an essential core service of the State in need of emergency funds to continue.

PAH is an organization in the Greater Mankato/South Central Minnesota area that provides emergency and short-term transitional shelter facilities, programs and support services for homeless and near-homeless individuals and families. Our shelter beds are usually full. From July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, 96 people have stayed in our family shelter program and 50% of them were children ages 0 to 18 years old. We are currently under contract with the State of Minnesota's Department of Human Service's Office of Economic Opportunity for Homeless Programs. PAH strongly advocates that our nonprofit services be judged as essential and be included in continued funding as if they were delivered by the State itself.

We also ask that the State of Minnesota's department of Human Service's Office of Economic Opportunity also be included in continued funding since that is the primary source of our funding to assist homeless families.

Respectively submitted,


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Partners for Affordable Housing provides shelter for homeless families and individuals and helps them to secure economically viable long-term housing.