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RE: Legislative Support for CVOEO Community Resource Center – FY27 Budget Request

Dear Members of the Vermont Legislature,

CHT is writing this letter in support of CVOEO's request for \$650,000 to support the Community Resource Center (CRC) currently operating in Burlington.

The CRC is a critical resource for the region's most vulnerable residents. It is a vital component of our healthcare and public safety infrastructure. State funding is essential to maintaining daily operations, stabilizing staffing, and continuing to provide the lifesaving interventions the community relies upon.

The CRC is often the only place where those experiencing chronic homelessness feel seen and safe. And its impact is enormous:

- 2,152 unique individuals served.
- 23,570 total visits.
- 36,858 hot meals provided (self-funded by CVOEO).
- 168 individuals transitioned from homelessness to stable shelter or housing.
- 249 direct referrals to medical and mental health services.
- 729 distributions of survival gear (tents, sleeping bags, handwarmers).

This work cannot happen without your support. Thank you for your leadership and for your commitment to supporting Vermonters experiencing homelessness.

Sincerely,

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