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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Brian Eggers; I am a 38 year old white male. I am a resident of the Friendship Apartments on the transitional side. I was referred to the transitional housing program by Preferred Family Healthcare where I was completing substance abuse treatment. I didn't have a home to go to when I was released from treatment and prior to entering treatment I was living my car.

I moved in on February 19, 2008 and began after care with Preferred Family Healthcare's drug and alcohol counselor who has an office in the apartment building. I met with the Housing Case Manager and we developed a plan of action to assist me in planning for the future. Several barriers were noted; including, probation and parole, past due fines, no drivers license, no vehicle, no health insurance for medication needs, kids in foster care.

The Housing Case Manager referred me to Vocational Rehabilitation who in turn referred me to High Hope's Community Employment Services for job placement assistance. With the assistance of High Hope I was able to attain a job at Farmland, a local pork processing plant.

One year later, I have completed after care with Preferred Family Healthcare. I have paid my fines and my driver's license has been reinstated. I have a vehicle to drive that is licensed and insured. I have health insurance through my employer and can now afford my medication. I see my kids on regular basis and my parental rights have been reinstated.

As you can see my life has changed for the better in just one year. I will be moving out of the apartments within the next couple weeks because my earnings exceed the program income guidelines. I have benefited from the program and hope the lack of funding doesn't eliminate others from achieving the same positive results.

I know government officials have to look at the bottom line and from an economic stand point I am not the burden to society that I was one year ago.

Sincerely,



Brian Eggers

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