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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Victor Mejias. I am a 69 year old Hispanic male. I currently reside on the permanent side of the Friendship Apartments. I was born in Cuba and have been a resident of the United States for over 30 years. I am now retired from Con-Agra and am disabled. I have several health concerns. I recently underwent back surgery and am in the recovery process.

Two years ago, I was living in a garage that was not set up for human inhabitation. With the assistance of the Latino Center staff, I was referred to the Friendship Apartments and was able to attain permanent housing.

I don't know where I would live if I couldn't live in the Friendship Apartments. As I age, possible a nursing home situation. I know I am very comfortable with the living situation I have now in this facility. There is always friendly staff and residents to check on me, a little community of caring people.

I am grateful for my apartment. I understand there is currently a lack of funding for the apartments. I don't know what options I would have available, if this facility closes. I could be forced to move into a nursing home facility.

Please continue to fund this facility. There are many residents in this facility who are medically needy but, not yet candidates for nursing homes.

Respectfully submitted,


Victor Mejias