



February 23, 2026

The Honorable Mike Thompson
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Thompson:

Redwood Community Services, Inc. is in full support of the Lake County Probation Department's request for Community Project Funding related to the Justice-Involved Housing Project and Workforce Development associated with the project. Not only will this project bring housing to individuals who are reentering society from incarceration, it will also provide workforce training.

Lake County Probation has proven its commitment to supporting individuals who are serious about reentering society while making their lives better. Probation provides pathways for change by linking individuals to treatment for substance use and mental health challenges, guiding individuals on thought process change, and by linking individuals to job training and employment opportunities.

Supportive housing for those on probation supervision is non-existent in Lake County, and this project will have a huge impact on those that are unhoused and improving the lives of Lake County residents.

Lake County has several fantastic programs available to assist individuals with job training, however, for those reentering society and ready to change, funding is limited to support sustainable success in these programs. One such program is the North Coast Opportunities BUILD Program which teaches people construction skills and then assists with job placement. This program would work well for reentry individuals who could work on the Probation Housing project and on home hardening in Lake County.

By providing this funding to Lake County Probation, it will bolster the housing project and provide workforce development for a population that has a severe need. We wholeheartedly support Lake County Probation's request for funding.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victoria Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large "V" and "K".

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