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Mr. Bill Beagle, Executive Director  
Ohio Housing Finance Agency  
2600 Corporate Exchange Drive  
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RE: Housing Development Gap Financing

Dear Mr. Beagle:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment alongside Extended Housing's journey to develop much needed permanent supportive housing in Lake County, Ohio. In partnership with OHFA (HDGF) and with support from CSH, Extended Housing developed McKinley Grove in 2013. McKinley Grove's success has motivated us to develop more PSH units in Lake County. Over these last eight years, we have expended architectural and other pre-development costs over five locations. Finally, our current location meets zoning, and we have a solid relationship with our local housing authority that is eager to project base vouchers for all twelve units. Now we are moving forward to secure the needed funding.

Unfortunately, our PSH project will not score high under the proposed HDGF plan, specifically the Neighborhood Opportunity Index and Housing Needs Index. Please consider changes that would support the development of PSH for Ohio's Balance of State.

Lastly, thank you for the language in the plan that gives OHFA flexibility to allocate additional funding at its discretion.

Sincerely,

Karen McLeod, Executive Director



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