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Subject: Support for H-5478 Nora's Haven Funding

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney
House Finance Committee

Re: Support - H5478

Dear Chairman Abney,

My name is Arthur Flanders and I am a resident of Providence. I am writing to express my strong support for House bill H-5478 which would provide funding for Nora's Haven, an organization I care deeply about.

I am in support of H-5478 because in the two years that I have been volunteering with Nora's Haven I have seen the dedication and care taken to ensure that people get the help they need without strings attached. This funding would allow Nora's Haven to support those who would otherwise be trapped in situations of abuse with no financial ability to free themselves from their abuser. Nora's Haven has done direct action and outreach to the community to provide for the people who need it immediately, with clothing, food, housing and direct financial help to make sure that their needs are properly addressed.

Nora's Haven provides housing and safe relocation to people experiencing abuse, and are able to provide these things quicker than other organizations in Rhode Island have the capacity to. This funding represents a small amount of the total proposed state budget and will almost immediately and directly impact those Rhode Islanders who are struggling and need a hand to remove themselves from dangerous situations.

I hope that the House Finance Committee will pass H-5478 or include it in the budget this year.

Thank you for your consideration.

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