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Dear Butler County Homeless Initiative,

I am writing on behalf of South Central Mental Health Counseling Center regarding your movement towards development of a homeless shelter. South Central Mental Health fully supports this initiative and recognizes that it is something that this community is in great need of. It would be ideal for a family or an individual who has lost their housing due to several possible stressors, such as; loss of job or work hours, increased mental health issues, familial conflicts, and other financial pressures. Currently, the alternative for someone in that situation is to abandon everything and everyone they know, and leave to a shelter or program in Wichita, where they easily become lost in the crowd and just another homeless person. It would be wonderful if there was a resource in Butler County to go to in order to reduce some of the stress to stay in a community they are comfortable in. A resource such as a shelter would assist SCMHCC to put more effort into helping someone find hope, focus on their health, gain employment, and continue the connections with their churches, doctors, friends, and family they have created here in Butler County. A homeless shelter could give the stability to individuals needed during stressful events to find hope and structure in order to move forward.

Thank You for your perseverance in keeping hope in Butler County.

Sincerely,

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