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Dear Supervisor Parlin,

We hope this message finds you well. We would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your valuable time during our recent meeting. At Native Directions Inc. (NDI) and HomeCA, we deeply value the perspectives and feedback provided by our community leaders and stakeholders.

As we shared with you previously, the state strongly supports these projects because it has identified a need for more services for vulnerable Native Americans that includes the Youth Perinatal Residential and Wellness Center under the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) and Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs) under the Community Care Expansion (CCE).

Regarding any concerns, we are pursuing a collaborative approach with the appropriate county departments and our development team is making modifications that will address all concerns about water, sewer and road infrastructure and fire safety.

As part of our commitment to the community, we have engaged with local media to help us share information about our projects to the widest number of residents and have project-specific details, including renderings of the projects, on our website. We believe in being transparent and are always available to answer questions or provide additional data to our fellow El Dorado County residents.

Finally, we would like to clarify that when we stated, “We have not done a project like this before” we were specifically and exclusively referring to being awarded grants similar to the BHCIP and CCE grants. In terms of experience with behavioral treatment facilities, NDI has 52 years of experience operating these facilities, and the two principals of HomeCA have a combined 47 years of experience in operating Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs.) As for the size of our team, we currently have several individuals responsible for administration, and a wide range of credentialed professionals including a legal analyst, grant consultants, writers, legal counsel, a government relations consultant and a public relations team. Additionally, we have a comprehensive construction and design team composed of well-credentialed development professionals, which was information we provided as part of our grant applications.

Thank you.



Sincerely,

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