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PORCHLIGHT, INC.

306 N. BROOKS STREET MADISON, WI 53715 608.257.2534 FAX 608.257.2507 Dear Bill,

In the 2006-07 time frame, Porchlight, Inc. applied for \$312,599 in Home funds for the relocation of Safe Haven. These funds were to be used in the construction of seven (7) SRO (single room occupancy) units in a building consisting of fourteen (14) SRO units. At that time, the precise details where and how the building would be built were uncertain.

Since that time, our plans are now more certain. We have received approval from the City of Madison Plan commission to construct two buildings at 4002 Nakoosa Trail. One building will consist of 24 units of efficiency-type housing and a second building will consist of the Safe Haven 14 SRO units.

Our plans have changed somewhat recently. Originally, we had contemplated a third sixteen unit building on the site to be constructed an indefinite time in the future. Poor and contaminated soil conditions have made the construction of the third building unfeasible.

In the effort to capture some of the additional units of the third building, we have decided to modify the Safe Haven building to include an additional eight (8) to twelve (12) units of efficiency-type units. The building would have two separate pods, under the same roof, one for the Safe Haven (which remains at 14 SRO units offices, conference rooms, a dining room and a kitchen), and one for the 8 to 12 efficiency units. Note, we are not certain of the exact number of efficiency on the basis of cost versus funds available. The Plan Commission has approved the project with 12 efficiency units but we may need to scale back to 8 units. We are still only seeking the Home funds for the construction of the 7 SRO units as originally proposed.

Also, at the time originally approved, the Framework provided for a deferred appreciating loan. We request that given the timing and the nature of this project that this be a deferred loan with no appreciation.

We would like to begin drawing on these funds in June or July so we would appreciate placing this on the CDBG Commission agenda at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

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Very truly yours,

Steven J. Schooler Executive Director Porchlight, Inc.

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