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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for Joe's Place and Field Transitional Services. As we look at the challenges of community safety and reintegration, I strongly urge you to continue and expand the grant funding that makes this work possible.

Finding stable housing and clear structure for registered sex offenders is one of the toughest tasks any community faces. Joe's Place fills that gap. It isn't just a place to stay; it is a high-accountability environment. The constant oversight of where residents are and what they are doing is essential to the success and the program provides a level of supervision that truly protects the public.

From a law enforcement perspective, Joe's Place is a practical asset. Having residents in a centralized, well-managed location allows our department to coordinate and monitor this population much more effectively. It gives us the clarity we need for investigative work and ensures no one is "falling through the cracks" in our neighborhoods.

Since I took over as Police Chief, we have had zero issues with the individuals placed at this facility. That record isn't an accident; it's the result of a model that works.

I have worked with Joe Field for several years. He has been a transparent and reliable partner to both this department and the City of Walla Walla. He is committed to doing this the right way, and his results show it.

Joe's Place is a model for how to handle a difficult population responsibly. I fully back Field Transitional Services and hope to see the funding secured to keep this program moving forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Buttice", with the number "#272" written below it.

Chris Buttice
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