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Dear Mr. Theriot:

I am writing this letter in support of IDignity, as they are trying to secure funding through the City's Rapid Re-housing Grant. IDignity provides assistance to the poor so that they may obtain Florida IDs, Social Security Cards and Birth Certificates, and can help alleviate the problems we face in this community from homelessness.

According to the Mayor's Working Committee on Homelessness in 2003, there were no less than 6,300 homeless individuals in the Orlando area, individually costing the city nearly \$400,000. Given the current economic situation we face, those figures must be steadily increasing. For a fraction of what it costs our city, Mr. Dippy and IDignity can ease the burdens brought by chronic homelessness, and help to give hope to some of these unfortunate people.

Thank you for your consideration of this project. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at my office.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress