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To: Assembly <[assembly@petersburgak.gov](mailto:assembly@petersburgak.gov)>

Subject: Support Borough funding for Humanity in Progress

Dear Members of the Assembly,

I support including Humanity in Progress in the Borough budget. The volunteers who've worked to create and sustain this organization did so because of need in our community, and they've gone above and beyond to make HIP successful. Public safety starts with taking care of our community and ensuring no one is slipping through the cracks and that is what HIP is trying to do. We are lucky to have such a well organized, trustworthy organization doing this work locally.

Because we are a small, remote community, people cannot easily access the suite of state and federal social services available in larger towns. But we still need to make sure all people have the resources they need to find housing, food, safety, and healthcare.

I therefore support expanding the Borough's capacity for social services. While I support funding HIP at the \$12,000 currently proposed, I would also like to see us support a half time staff person. \$30-40k invested in taking care of people will come back to us in community safety, and investing in local jobs also has multiplier effects in the local economy.

Thanks for considering my comments,

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