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To the Pastors, Leaders, and Congregations of the Churches in Sweet Home,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing on behalf of the Sweet Home Community Health Committee, a group of local community members dedicated to supporting community health programming, assessing community health resources, and advising City Council on community health matters. A concern that has come up with the committee is determining the resources available to the community in times of extreme weather. As we know, Sweet Home can experience both extreme cold and hot weather, putting our most vulnerable residents at risk.

We are reaching out to inquire about the services your church may be able to offer to the public, particularly underserved populations, during these times of need. Specifically, we are interested in knowing if your church currently provides or is able to provide any of the following:

- Shelter from extreme heat or cold
- Access to food and water
- Bathrooms or access to sanitation facilities
- A safe place to sleep or rest away from the elements

Additionally, we would like to understand what support, whether financial, volunteer-based, or logistical, your church may need from the Committee or the broader community either to continue offering these services or to start providing them. We believe that by collaborating, we can ensure that all members of our community are cared for, especially in times of hardship.

Please let us know if you are able to participate and any specific ways we can assist you in offering these services. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and we are hopeful that, together, we can make a significant impact on the well-being of our neighbors in Sweet Home.

If you are currently offering any of these services, or any other resources not mentioned in this letter please feel free to update us on those services as well.

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your continued service to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelsey Wray". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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