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Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants  
Marion S. Barry, Jr. Building  
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Washington, DC 20001

Re: Letter of Support for CORE DC, LLC’s Application for FY2024 Justice Grants Consolidated Request for Applications (RFA)

Greetings:

As the Vice Chair for Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7E, I am pleased to write in support of CORE DC LLC’s (CORE DC) application to obtain Criminal Justice Funds for reentry programming through the District of Columbia’s Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants to provide low-barrier reentry housing to prevent homelessness with a continuum of services and supports.

Returning citizens face housing instability. CORE DC’s Low-Barrier Reentry Housing (CORE DC LBRH) program will prepare offenders returning from incarceration for independent living, improve their capacity for obtaining/ maintaining employment and housing stability. No matter how long someone has been in prison, lack of stable housing, reunification with family and reintegration into the community are often overwhelming and are among the reasons that recidivism rates are so high. Many offenders come out of prison without a meaningful transition and housing plan, creating an additional burden on their family and community.

CORE DC operates a US Bureau of Prisons funded program for individuals on Home Confinement (with electronic monitoring) who are near the end of their period of incarceration. CORE DC helps residents identify career and/or educational opportunities that may not have been available to them before prison, and assists offenders with job readiness, counseling, and life skills, all of which serve the goals of reunifying families, rehabilitation, and preventing recidivism.

The funding will help CORE DC provide supportive housing in which offenders can demonstrate progress toward employment and enhance their ability to contribute financially to the cost of

stable housing wherever they may reside, including placement into independent living.

CORE DC is the ideal recipient for the OVSJG's Criminal Justice Reentry funds because supportive housing is a critical step in helping them transition back to the community and becoming a stable and contributing member of the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Natasha Dupee', with a stylized, cursive style.

Ms. Natasha Dupee  
Vice Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7E  
Single Member District Commissioner, ANC 7E03