



Manitowoc
County

August 11, 2022

Manitowoc Common Council
Manitowoc Planning Commission
900 Quay Street
Manitowoc, WI 54220

Dear Common Council and Planning Commission:

NAMI inc. of Manitowoc County is pleased to support a warming shelter at First Presbyterian Church in Manitowoc.

Homelessness is often the end result of a mental health condition, most of which are treatable. Without intervention, like a warming shelter that can refer to proper resources, treatment is quite unlikely.

NAMI's role is to educate, advocate and to provide support, not just for the person with a mental health condition, but for their family members as well. We will explore opportunities with the shelter to do those things, strengthening the guests of the shelter, its volunteers and by extension the community at large.

Please approve this plan for a warming shelter. To deny it, denies a path to resources that is critical and not available today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Firman". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Donna Firman
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