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To whom it may concern,

We are pleased to submit this partnership letter in support of funding for the Housing Outreach program at Quadra Village Community Center. Together Against Poverty Society (TAPS) is thrilled to be an on-going partner with the Housing Outreach Program. Our organizations work together through mutual referrals and community facilitation to provide wrap-around support to our community.

TAPS is one of the largest providers of free, face-to-face legal advocacy for people with income assistance, disability benefits, employment standards, and tenancy issues. Many of our clients are either at imminent risk of experiencing or are currently experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness. Since its introduction, the Housing Outreach program at Quadra Village Community Centre has quickly become one of our most frequent and valuable referrals for clients in need of support navigating the housing system. As rental prices continue to skyrocket and the housing crisis becomes more severe, demand for services like QVCC's Housing Outreach program will only continue to grow. The loss of the program would be a devastating one felt deeply by community members and service providers alike, and leaving our most vulnerable neighbours with even fewer options for support than before. We strongly support the continued funding of this important program.

Sincerely,

Douglas King
Executive Director
Together Against Poverty Society