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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to encourage the community to learn about the benefits of the creation of a 708 Board in Piatt County, which would provide essential services for mental health, substance use treatment, and developmental support, particularly for marginalized communities.

The Center has been a vital resource for our community for over 50 years. The need for the services that they provide has grown exponentially while revenue needed to maintain and expand programming has become stagnant. Without additional funding, crucial services may be cut, disproportionately affecting under-resourced individuals. I believe that understanding the benefits of the creation of a 708 Board is crucial for ensuring that Piatt County residents' needs can continue to be met locally.

Sincerely,



Emily Weidner