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Good Morning,

Here is some background regarding what Angela will be speaking about. It has to do with funding as well as the organization that we work at.

With just around a month left before we have to vacate the building, we finally received the response from CMHC for the Rapid Housing Initiative that our last attempt at securing funding for our building was denied. We were confident that in this round our application would be approved, but unfortunately, that was not the case. We do recognize that Assiniboine Credit Union needs to sell the building, and have been very accommodating so far, but we need support from the government now.

In this building, we are currently housing 46 individuals, and an additional 40 in our overnight emergency shelter, not taking into account the 30+ people that have been volunteering with us on a daily basis as they move forward with their life. These individuals will not only be left without a place to call home and jobless, but they will also be stripped of their daily programming activities and comfort. Furthermore, all the casual, part-time, and full-time staff will also be directly affected by the loss of this building. Approximately 183 individuals will face the consequences one way or another.

If all the three levels of government were to just commit $500,000 each, we would be able to afford the downpayment of this building and continue serving our people. Please recognize the importance and urgency of this matter, and help us continue helping our people. Abandoning 183 people cannot be an option. We did everything in our power to apply for all the grants we could receive, yet we were unsuccessful. We applied for the Rapid Housing Initiative from the city stream, got shortlisted, then got denied. We applied for the project stream, and just got informed that not only did we not get it, but no project from Manitoba got the funding. This is where the government needs to take responsibility for its citizens.

The social return on investment from keeping these individuals housed and employed is huge. We aren't asking for charity, we are offering a solution to keeping these individuals off the streets and offering them a better chance at a sustainable and fulfilling life. When we say because everyone is meant for significance, we mean everyone. Losing out on this building won't just mean people losing their homes and jobs, it would also mean that they would lose their connections and friendships that they had made through Sscope Inc.

Even if we were to find another building, this is the only one that caters to all ours and our resident’s needs. Due to the kind of services we offer, we need certain amenities to effectively run our multiple social enterprises. That is why 865 Main Street is the perfect location for Sscope Inc. It has become a community staple for the residents who live here. PeopleWe are tailblazers, we are doing the work that no one else is. get their mail delivered here, even if they don't reside with Sscope. Families know that they can get harvest hampers at this location. This building offers its residents job opportunities, volunteer opportunities, programming

opportunities, and much more. Is money enough of a reason to vacate people from a place they call home?

We just need the funds to purchase this building because we do not plan on leaving this location. It is meant for Sscope. Once we secure the downpayment for this building, Sscope will be able to continue being self-sufficient run from the revenue generated from our many social enterprises. There is nothing more we can do on our part to convey the urgency of this matter anymore.

I hope that satisfies the requirements needed for Angela to appear as a delegation for the upcoming meeting on Friday.

Thank you,

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