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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Board of the First Unitarian Church of Hamilton supports the Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters program plan to create a community of small, heated cabins, as a temporary option to help alleviate the crisis faced by vulnerable members of our community who lack a place to live.

We represent just over 200 members from across the city of Hamilton.

The HATS program was created and is led by a group of professionals with diverse backgrounds from across the city, many of whom our congregation has worked with in the past. The group formed out of concern, which we share, for the growing number of homeless people in our city. The group consists of hard-working, connected and committed volunteers.

The project was inspired by the success of similar programs currently running in Kitchener-Waterloo and London, Ontario.

Our congregation has provided generous support, both volunteers and donations, to a range of worthy causes, including our current work with the Eva Rothwell Centre and Sacajawea Non-Profit Housing, and we are sure our members will step up to support this initiative. A number are currently donating to the Hub and in other ways to support those living on the street.

We understand that HATS plans begin with building six to 12 cabins to provide shelter to six to 12 residents and we expect we can provide various forms of support to help get it launched. Having a sanctioned site would make our current volunteer efforts more efficient, since we could focus our help.

A member of our congregation is among those working to get HATS operating and he and the project have our support. We are available to provide more information if needed.

Your sincerely,

Barbara Wallace, president of the Board,
First Unitarian Church of Hamilton