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Emergency Declaration of a Shelter Crisis in El Dorado County

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To the Board of Supervisors for El Dorado County:

Thank you for your consideration of the upcoming agenda item for an emergency declaration of a shelter crisis in El Dorado County. As you know, we have hundreds of people in need of shelter, housing and supportive services in our county. In my humble opinion, it has truly reached emergency status. It is our prayer here at Federated Church of Placerville that this declaration will pass and empower us all to serve those in greatest need here in El Dorado County. This church has a long history of serving those who are experiencing homelessness in this area.

I therefore encourage each of our supervisors to carefully consider voting in favor of this declaration and for the proposal for a navigation center from Daniel DelMonte, Asst Director of Health and Human Services. I have the privilege of serving on the Caldor Fire "Better Together" Long Term Needs Committee with many dedicated county workers. I am hoping we will give them the resources to help those they have been hired to serve. I also sit on the El Dorado County Opportunity Knocks Continuum of Care Board and am pleased to be contributing to the county's efforts to address our lack of affordable housing, homeless services and emergency shelters. I have also volunteered with Project Pathways and the Upper Room, learning firsthand of the increasing needs of our neighbors who are experiencing a challenging time in their lives.

With deep appreciation for your work on behalf of our county,

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