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Mr. Russell Snyder, President/CEO
Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Snyder

Please accept this letter of commitment and endorsement for the grant application being submitted by VOA Chesapeake for the *Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program* to provide homeless prevention and rapid re-housing services, and general housing stability assistance with supportive services and linkages with the VA and other community resources for homeless and very low-income veteran families located in Baltimore City, Maryland.

The SSVF Program will enable VOA Chesapeake to serve as a central access point for homeless and low-income veterans and their families to receive comprehensive case management, assistance with VA and public benefits, and other supportive services they need to move towards or keep permanent housing and a better quality of life.

VOA Chesapeake has long been a vital partner in providing a continuum of services to veterans and their families in need in the state of Maryland but specifically in Baltimore through the Pratt House Transitional Housing Program, Paca House permanent supportive housing program and the Irvington Woods permanent supportive housing apartments. For this reason the VISN 5 office of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs supports VOA Chesapeake in applying for SSVF funds under Priority 1, and will continue to work cooperatively to provide program referrals as well as available housing and other social services and community resources through our partnering agencies, including permanent supportive housing, health, mental health, substance abuse and other needed services. This proposed project is a natural step in addressing the needs of homeless and low-income veterans in Baltimore City, and we will collaborate with VOA Chesapeake to expand and enhance its veterans' services.

We thank you for the work you do with veterans support your efforts to expand your services in the VISN 5 Network to serve our areas homeless veterans.

Sincerely,

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