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McInerny Foundation
c/o Bank of Hawaii, Trustee
Charitable Foundation Services #758
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RE: Letter of Support for Project Vision Hawai'i

Dear McInerny Foundation Trustees:

I am writing this **letter of support for Project Vision Hawai'i** as evidenced by their excellent track record of service to low-income and homeless people. Their work has greatly improved the health and well-being of individuals experiencing homelessness in Hawai'i and has positively affected individuals and communities in my district on the O'ahu Leeward Coast.

Since 2018, Project Vision has brought health and hygiene services to communities throughout the state with its mobile shower program. The organization drives shower trailers with essential bathroom facilities for people living in streets and encampments. In addition to providing the tangible benefit of hot showers, Project Vision brings resources to meet their basic needs and forge a path toward finding a permanent home. Project Vision has also worked with the State of Hawai'i to open shelter facilities as part of the Kauhale community initiative. In 2023, they opened two new shelters, one on Maui and one on O'ahu. These shelters are safe communities where people are welcomed and treated with respect.

In addition, Project Vision meets a fundamental and often unmet need to provide access to medical services at shelters and on the streets. Medical respite helps ensure access to basic medical services, such as treating skin abrasions or managing prescriptions. These simple functions can be lifesaving for those experiencing homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration and support of Project Vision's efforts to provide medical respite.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Tupola". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andria Tupola, Ph.D.
Honolulu City Councilmember