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Dear Mayor Lucas and Councilwomen Robinson, Patterson Hazley, and Bough:

As president of the Independence Plaza Neighborhood Council Inc, we wanted to thank you for your unwavering commitment to securing funding and developing the RFP for low-barrier shelters and services. Your willingness to listen to our concerns and work tirelessly to find solutions will make a significant difference in the lives of many. The Historic Northeast Coalition is extremely grateful.

Please continue to prioritize mental health beds and services for the new Kansas City jail to divert people suffering from mental illness away from the criminal justice system. Our experience has shown that good intentions are never a replacement for high-quality outreach, evaluation, referral, and follow-up by trained staff. In addition, please consider re-establishing the Houselessness Task Force for ongoing communication and recommendations to enhance services and outcomes.

We appreciate your dedication to the most vulnerable. Your public service is inspiring and makes us proud to be residents of Kansas City.

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