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Dear Board of Supervisors,

A partnership of non-profit and public organizations working together to address fundamental needs of families.

CCTT Leadership Adventure Risk Challenge Big Brothers/Big Sister's **Nevada County** Boys and Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe Department of Rehabilitation Excellence in Education Family Resource Center of Truckee For Goodness Sake **Future Without Drug** Dependence Gateway Mountain Center Girls on the Run-Sierras Hands on Tahoe

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Girls on the Run-Sierra
Hands on Tahoe
KidZone Museum
Learning Bridge of the
Sierra
Nevada County HHS
North Tahoe Family
Resource Center
Nevada and Placer
County
Health and Human
Services
Nutrition Coalition

Project MANA
Sierra College
Sierra Mental Wellness
Group
Tahoe Forest Hospital

District
Tahoe SAFE Alliance
Tahoe Truckee
Community Foundation
Tahoe Truckee Unified
School District
Truckee Lutheran
Presbyterian Church
Truckee Police
Department

CCTT Staff
Alison Schwedner,
Director

United for Action

The Community Collaborative of Tahoe Truckee is comprised of over 45 health, education and social service organizations that work together to address the fundamental needs of children, families and seniors in the Tahoe Truckee region. On behalf of the Community Collaborative, we thank the Nevada County Board of Supervisors for funding the regional housing study and now look to the Board for continued leadership to advance solutions identified in the study.

Community Collaborative partner agencies provide critical support to Tahoe Truckee families, ranging from food, shelter, legal, educational and budgeting support and agency staff have truly been on the front lines of the housing crisis.

A number of factors create economic challenges for families living in the Tahoe Truckee. These include:

- A high cost of living driven by inflated housing costs impacted by the second homeowner market
- A seasonal economy which translates into unstable incomes due to abundant job opportunities in the summer and winter but decreased employment in the shoulder seasons
- A high percentage of tourist based service jobs with relatively low wages and not many opportunities for more earning potential

These factors combined create a stressful economic outlook for many families, resulting in locals being priced out of both the home rental and home purchasing market. The daily realities of our families were well documented in the housing study. We now know that:

- 76% of local residents are overpaying for housing
- Residents are on wait lists for up to two years for affordable housing units
- Over ½ of the local workforce commutes to our region from other areas, since they are unable to afford to live locally





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Our partners hear the stories of these families on a daily basis; families who are drawn to the quality of life in our mountain town as well as the employment opportunities in our peak seasons, but struggle to get by and live paycheck to paycheck.

As a collaborative and a community, we are committed to working together to ensure our local families can stay local. Having a community where residents can afford to both work and live here is good for the economy, the environment and for our families. While the path to making this happen is complex and multifaceted, we recognize that access to affordable housing is one critical piece of the solution.

The Community Collaborative has been in existence for almost 20 years and has embraced a model of cross-jurisdictional collaboration to meet the needs of Tahoe Truckee residents. While county lines often dictate where and what services families can access, our partners, alongside county staff, have worked tirelessly to create a tapestry of well-connected services for local families. For housing, it's no different.

We now look to our county governments to work across jurisdictional lines to create connected solutions to address the local housing crisis, capitalize on the momentum created by the housing study, and pave the way for the future of the Tahoe Truckee region.

Thank you,

Alison Schwedner

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