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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express our support of Community Action Team in their efforts to provide important social safety net services to our county. As the community behavioral health provider for Columbia County, our agency partners closely with Community Action Team to meet the needs of some of our most vulnerable citizens. The mutual clients we serve are disproportionately impacted by the effects of poverty, trauma, houselessness, institutional racism, food insecurity, and a myriad of other social determinants of health. If CAT's funding and infrastructure is jeopardized, we will not be able to move forward with important, life-saving collaborations such as the development of a local shelter for our county. We depend on the continued growth and development of Community Action Team in order to meet the basic needs of the population we serve.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Miriam Parker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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