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To Committee Chair:

Rep Mohamud Noor

This letter is in support and confirms active collaboration with Sewa-Aifw, a nonprofit organization committed to serving, supporting, and enhancing family wellness for culturally specific families.

I write on behalf of Autism SIBS Universe (ASU), a 501c3. Autism Sibs Universe is a nonprofit organization focused on providing neurodiverse community solutions with the aim to bring innovation to the current issues for people with disabilities around housing, employment, recreation, health & wellness etc. Our organization was founded and is driven by the voice of Autists, with the purpose to develop and integrate simple sustainable solutions into daily living for people of all abilities.

The ASU board and leadership team are actively working with Sewa-Aifw's leadership on a partnership, expanding Sewa's current offerings to the neurodiverse space. Our community has benefitted from many of the offerings that Sewa has today – their meals program, mental health counseling, and domestic violence support to name a few. Our partnership with Sewa-Aifw promotes a practical approach to flourishing and increasing delivery of evidence-based interventions for people with disabilities to thrive. We fully support the vision for the Cultural Service Center project as it will increase capacity to assist, train and provide overall community support for these groups.

We have been deeply impressed by Sewa-Aifw's mission and commitment to human service work. Raj Choudhary is a phenomenal leader who drives to leverage people's strengths to get the most for her organization and causes. She is a visionary in her ability to be open to neurodiverse intelligence, shattering typically limiting stereotypes.

ASU specializes in providing services to neurodiverse individuals with extremely high needs which in turn has high revenue potential. Some of this revenue is already being realized through county waivers and grants. Similarly, Sewa-Aifw and ASU will collaborate to deliver for individuals and families who have high nursing, medical, and aging support needs which is another revenue generator for these groups. Our annual estimated revenue in the first year of this partnership is \$800,000. This does not include Sewa-Aifw's existing revenue. In the end, our goal is to provide adequate space for collaboration to deliver the best results for our clients.

Through this letter, we acknowledge specific roles and responsibilities we will fulfill in this partnership with Sewa-Aifw. Our partnership will encompass the below, but is not limited to:

- Shared 245d services for the Neurodiverse and Seniors
- Sharing physical office, training, and community integration/participation spaces
- We will be sharing the physical space Raj Choudhary is renovating and contributing rent
- Cross leveraging expertise and resources between Sewa-Aifw and ASU management and staff
- Continue diversifying our experiences with minority members of our community who need culturally specific services and solutions for neurodiverse and senior members

- Help our community grow stronger and resilient, contribute equally to community and to help reduce health, economic, housing, isolation, and racial disparities

We very much look forward to continuing this crucial work with Sewa-Aifw, moving into a neurodiverse and intergenerational future where health and equity are foregrounded and celebrated.

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