

March 28, 2022

The Honorable Gabriel Albornoz
President, Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Council President Albornoz

On behalf of MHP, I am writing to express our strong support for the FY22 special appropriation to Casa Ruben, which will enable the organization to create a mobile pediatric clinic serving County residents who have barriers to accessing the traditional healthcare system.

As part of MHP's holistic approach to housing, we have been undertaking efforts to bring health services directly to our residents. During the pandemic, we partnered with a number of local health providers to bring COVID testing and vaccination clinics to our apartment communities. In the last year, over 2,400 individuals have been tested and/or vaccinated for COVID-19 at MHP properties, and we continue to operate regular vaccination clinics at several of our properties. We have seen tremendous success in improving the health of hard-to-reach populations by bringing healthcare services directly to residents.

MHP could not do this work without the help of government and non-governmental organizations. MHP has partnered with Holy Cross Health, Mary's Center, the Latino Health Initiative, the African American Health Program, and many others. Partners like Casa Ruben are key to providing place-based services and reaching underserved populations who might not otherwise seek out healthcare.

We see ourselves continuing to be involved in the health space and we believe mobile clinics like the one being created by Casa Ruben will be integral to improving health outcomes for low-income residents both now and into the future.

Thank you in advance for your support of this important initiative.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Goldman, ESQ.
President