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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Jessica Hanson, and I am the Director of Take Note Studio, a children's music studio, residing in First Presbyterian Church (for the past 10 years).

When I was first informed about the Warming Shelter coming to our same location, I had some concerns and questions. Safety is our number one priority for our studio children and families, so encountering this new scenario created the need for clear communication, expectations, and protocols.

After numerous conversations with Pastor Matt in which all the safety precautions and regulations were explained, I felt reassured to move forward with both programs co-existing in the same building (although in different locations, and at different times).

Because I wanted to understand the Warming Shelter program better, and meet the workers and guests, I began volunteering weekly on Sunday mornings. That allowed me to witness the extreme need being met, the wonderful people involved, and all the protocols and safety measures being

carefully observed.

In the two years that our programs have co-habitated, we have had no safety issues that have threatened the well-being of our studio families. Safety measures have been strictly observed and we have been able to co-exist peacefully and without issue.

In addition, I also live in the same neighborhood as the warming shelter, and have had no problems with safety near our home due to the warming shelter.

For the sake of the health and wellness of our community, it is my hope that the McKinley building will be able to be turned into the vision set forth.

Sincerely,

Jessica Hanson, Take Note Studio Director

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