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To whom it may concern,

As a non-profit who raises funds and supports the work done by Interfaith Housing Services, we see on a regular basis the positive effects the Creating Assets, Savings and Hope (CASH) program has had on residents in our community. The CASH program has helped empower low to moderate income households achieve financial stability through homeowner savings, housing repair, post-secondary education/specialized skills training or small business savings. This program has helped so many families be able to achieve their dreams. They have done this great work through the assistance of the IDA Tax Credits but unfortunately this assistance is drawing to a close due to legislative changes a couple of years ago that restricted these tax credits.

I am writing to ask for your help in supporting legislative changes that would allow for the IDA Tax Credit program to be available outside of just C-Corporations. C-Corps do not want or need Kansas tax credits but individuals do. In 2012 Interfaith Housing Services was able to raise over \$660,000 before the law changed to just C-Corps. In 2013 they were only able to raise \$65,000 and continuing to drop due to the changes in this law. I am asking you to support the bill that would allow the IDA Tax Credits to again be available for individuals rather than restricting them for use only by C-Corporations. This is an important step in helping to strengthen those families in Kansas who want to get to a more stable place.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration to make the changes needed that will allow this important work in the CASH program to continue throughout our communities in Kansas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Gleason".

Lisa Gleason

Director of Community Impact and Engagement

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