

July 28, 2022

Hon. Adam Bello
Monroe County Executive
39 West Main Street
Rochester, NY 14620

Dear County Executive Bello:

The Veterans Outreach Center (VOC) is a beacon of hope for veterans in the Greater Rochester community. The programs they offer, in conjunction with a robust variety of housing options, enable veterans to obtain the support they need to effectively reintegrate into civilian life. Moreover, their work in the treatment courts provides a critical link to the law enforcement community in a very positive way.

The VOC's spectrum of housing services, from emergency to transitional to permanent, enables veterans in their care to find support on all levels. VOC has dozens of strong community partnerships that make service delivery smooth and simple for veterans. Because many of these partners are onsite, clients receive the benefit of a "one-stop shop" for the aid they need.

VOC has proven their ability to manage numerous government grant-funded programs and will continue to maximize the utility of any funds afforded to them. We have a duty to show the men and women who served our country that homelessness is not an option for them, and that this community will provide the type of facility they need to regain their independence.

It is for all these reasons that I am proud to support their renovation and expansion project at Richards House.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Duffy
President and CEO