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Honorable LaTrina Leary  
Peoria Township Supervisor  
Township of Peoria  
427 W. Main  
Peoria, Illinois 61606

Dear Ms. Leary,

On behalf of the clients, staff, and Board of Directors at the Center for Prevention of Abuse (CFPA), I am deeply grateful for the ongoing partnership our agency has shared with the Peoria Township. Your generosity has helped our agency support residents of Peoria Township who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking, as well as elderly and adults with disabilities who have experienced abuse, abandonment, neglect, or financial exploitation.

With your generous support, Peoria Township residents who are victims of abuse can rely on our organization to provide emergency shelter and support services. CFPA provides these clients with immediate shelter and stabilization, a 24-hour hotline, court advocacy, medical advocacy, counseling and support groups, therapy, supportive housing, and coordination of community resources to help survivors heal and move toward self-sufficiency.

In 2022, CFPA served a total of 2,838 victims of domestic violence, 463 victims of sexual assault, and 862 victims of elder/disabled abuse, which included the following to Peoria residents:

1,371 adult and child victims of domestic violence, 212 of whom resided in our emergency shelter for a total of 4,796 shelter nights;  
20 adult and child residents from Peoria in our permanent, supportive housing apartments for a total of 4,910 nights;  
428 elderly and adults with disabilities; and  
193 victims of sexual assault.

We greatly appreciate your past support and are hopeful you will be able to continue that partnership with \$10,000 in funding for our efforts to help all women, men, and children live free from violence and abuse! If there is a possibility of additional funding to support CFPA's work and those who come to the agency for care, please let me know what steps we should undertake to further that request.

In Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Merna". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carol" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Merna".

Carol Merna  
Chief Executive Officer

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