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September 10, 2024

Mayor and City Commission
City of Miami Beach
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, FL 33139

RE: Camillus House Emergency Shelter Services

Dear Mayor and City Commissioners,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to follow up on our recent tour of the facility (with Mayor Meiner) and discuss an important matter regarding our emergency shelter services in Miami Beach.

As you know, we currently operate 18 shelter beds under contract with the City. However, the funding rate we receive is insufficient to cover the operational costs, resulting in significant financial strain on Camillus House. We have worked diligently to manage these expenses, but it has become clear that continuing to operate these beds at the current rate is no longer sustainable.

After engaging with your staff, it appears there is no viable option to secure an increase in funding to support these services. Consequently, I regret to inform you that, effective September 30, 2024, Camillus House will need to discontinue our shelter bed services in Miami Beach.

We appreciate the collaboration we have had with the City of Miami Beach thus far and remain open to exploring future opportunities to address the shelter needs in our community.

Thank you for your understanding. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Eduardo J. Gloria
Acting CEO

cc: David Martinez, Interim Assistant City Manager
Alba Tarre, Director of Housing and Community Services

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