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Dr. Marlene M. von Friederichs-Fitzwater
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RE: Support of Joshua's House

Dear Dr. Friederichs-Fitzwater:

I am writing to support the development of Joshua's House at Loaves & Fishes in Sacramento. Joshua's House would address a serious unmet need for end-of-life care for people who are homeless in our community.

The work of Joshua's House will build upon and add to the efforts of local organizations already serving the needy in Sacramento by strengthening the continuum of care. The homeless population in Sacramento is not only growing, it is aging. Our city and our region need places like Joshua's House now more than ever before.

In Congress, I am fighting for greater access to quality health care, including hospice care, for all Americans, especially our most vulnerable populations. Hospice care is an important part of our health care system that is too often neglected. Nationwide, we are trying to advance the triple aim of better health, better care, and lower costs. Providing greater access to hospice care pushes us closer to achieving those goals in our region. Quality hospice care not only reduces hospitalizations, it also improves the quality of life for patients at the end of their lives.

Quality end-of-life care should be available for everyone. That is why I strongly support the work you are doing to bring Joshua's House to our community.

Sincerely,



DORIS O. MATSUI
Member of Congress