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Ms. Judy Lee Trautman MultiFaith Council of NW Ohio, Co-Chair Greater Toledo & NW Ohio Compassionate Community 3009 Gunckel Blvd. Toledo OH 43606

Letter in Support of the Campaign for Compassionate Cities

Dear Ms. Trautman:

On behalf of the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG), we are pleased to announce our support of the Greater Toledo and Northwest Ohio Compassionate Community Campaign for Compassionate Cities. We affirm that compassion is a fundamental principle of healthy human relationships with a positive impact on respect, dignity, and service to our fellow citizens.

TMACOG is a regional council of governments with members in five counties of northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. TMACOG's membership includes governmental and non-governmental partners who are committed to building a strong, healthy region with a good quality of life.

We agree with Lucas County's and the City of Toledo's resolutions 430-13, and we support the integration of compassion in programs to address the holistic wellness, and achieve core objectives in our community, especially as it relates to the most at risk.

The Campaign for Compassionate Cities empowers its communities to develop a sense of cooperation and ignites positive change. TMACOG appreciates the opportunity to join this growing movement of compassionate cities. We support and applaud the Greater Toledo and Northwest Ohio Compassionate Community and the cities and regions that have committed to compassionate action as a core community value.

Sincerely,

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