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## Dear FPS Supporter,

I am please to support For Pete's Sake Cancer Respite Foundation's (FPS) Respite Transformed Campaign. Funding would be used as a direct match for any awards received through the Pennsylvania's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program.

Headquartered in Montgomery County, FPS has been positively impacting families facing cancer for more than 20 years. Woodloch Resort, nestled in the Pocono Mountains, has been a cornerstone of family-friendly getaways, renowned for its exceptional hospitality and endless activities. As long-time partners in delivering the gift of respite, they have embarked on a unique joint venture to construct the nation's first onsite cancer respite center.

Respite provides measurable increases to coping ability for caregivers, patients, and clients as recognized by the American Society of Clinical Oncology. 100 percent of nominators report improvement with coping by an average of 50 percent. FPS offers a comprehensive approach to supporting patients and their loved ones through their diagnosis by demonstrating their dedication to addressing the emotional, psychological, spiritual, mental, financial, and physical health of cancer patients, caregivers, and family members.

By offering Respite Experiences, patients and their loved ones are provided with a space to foster relational depth and unity thought community during the trauma of a cancer diagnosis. Patients and their loved ones are referred to FPS by members of the patient's oncology team, ensuring healthcare professionals are involved in the decision-making process. Further, FPS addresses all cancer types and ensures the entire family unit, including the caregiver, has access to respite.

Designed using 18 years of qualitative and quantitative outcome data from thousands of Respite Recipients, and with input form oncology professionals, every space within the For Pete's Sake Respite Center at Woodloch offers transformative experiences that will change the continuum of care for cancer patients. I fully support this worthwhile endeavor and thank you for your consideration.

Lisa Bakel Senator

pc: Marci Schankweiler, Founder and CEO, For Pete's Sake