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Dear Ms. Starr:

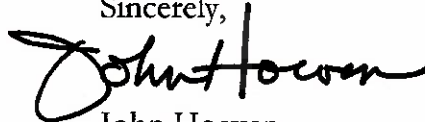
I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by the Anne Carlsen Center for a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development loan to support the construction of its new facility in Jamestown, North Dakota. Thank you for your consideration.

For nearly 80 years, the Anne Carlsen Center has provided critical support to children with developmental and behavioral conditions, helping families to meet the children's complex needs and supporting their long-term growth and independence. These services have benefited families not only in the Jamestown area, but across our state due to the center's efforts to establish a broadly-available support network.

The new facility will build on this legacy of service, providing a flexible, state-of-the-art space that can better meet the needs of the center's residents and support a more streamlined workflow for staff. At the same time, the location will ensure the center is protected against the threat of flooding, while also improving accessibility for those families travelling from outlying communities. Considering these factors, the new center represents a significant opportunity to strengthen the resources, education and health care available to children with special needs and their families for years to come.

Accordingly, I hope this application receives your favorable consideration. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. Please keep me informed of the review process, and feel free to contact my office with any updates or inquiries you may have.

Sincerely,


John Hoeven
U.S. Senator