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South Carolina Housing
300-C Outlet Pointe Blvd
Columbia, SC 29210

RE: Letter of Support – Riverbend Trace Apartments

Dear South Carolina Housing Authority Staff:

On behalf of United Way of the Midlands, I am writing to express our support for the proposed Riverbend Trace Apartments, a 60-unit affordable housing development planned for 1771 St. Matthews Road in Orangeburg County.

United Way of the Midlands has a long-standing commitment to improving lives and strengthening communities across the region. Affordable housing is a cornerstone of family stability, economic mobility, and individual well-being. In recent years, our nonprofit partners and 2-1-1 helpline data have made clear that housing affordability and stability are among the most pressing needs in Orangeburg County. The Riverbend Trace development directly responds to this need by providing high-quality, affordable housing.

The lack of affordable housing options in our region contributes to housing insecurity, which in turn disrupts access to education, employment, and healthcare. Many of the service providers we collaborate with regularly cite housing instability as a key barrier for their clients. We believe Riverbend Trace will fill a critical gap in the local housing supply and create a ripple effect of positive impact for households and service organizations alike.

We commend the developer's commitment to providing long-term affordability and thoughtful site planning. With convenient access to jobs, services, and transportation corridors, the St. Matthews Road location is ideally situated to serve low- and moderate-income residents.

Thank you for your consideration of this development proposal. Please reach me at 803-733-5421 or jmoore@uway.org for additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Moore".

Jennifer Moore
Vice President of Community Impact
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