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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter in response to phone calls and emails questioning the present and future viability of the Loyalton Senior Center.

I will first refer you to an enclosed recount email from Dan Farrington stating that our center "has always exceeded our scope and nothing has changed in our operation."

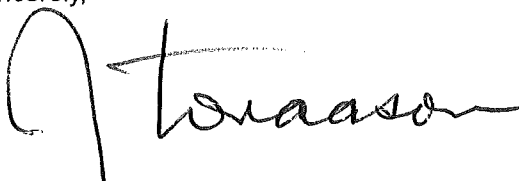
It appears as if we are being evaluated not on performance, but on potential future failures. It is very difficult to defend our performance on something that today does not exist. It seems unreasonable to me to threaten the loss of funding to a successful organization based on some unprovable event.

We did have some staff problems last year when Lori Wright retired and the newly hired employee did not work out and a termination was required, unfortunately. Our plan was that if the new hire did not work out, that Lori would always be available to return as required and the search would begin again until an adequate replacement could be found. This is an example of the contingency plan that took effect to ensure the most favorable direction for the Senior Center.

At this time Jo Percy has not mentioned any plans on retirement. If you have information concerning this please let us know. I have talked to Jo about replacement if and when she retires and she has given me the same assessment that Lori gave us.

In conclusion, the threats to defund our senior center are unfair and are causing our community unnecessary stress based on potential problems not factual ones. I am sure we are all concerned with the people we serve. The loss of our center would be a severe negative to our community.

Sincerely,



**Jeffrey Toraason**