**Letter to the Editor Template**

Lutheran social ministries are rooted in a long-standing faith tradition of service in caring for our neighbors. Lutherans carry a rich history of uplifting all people in need of assistance and fostering their wellbeing. ORGANIZATION has deep roots in CITY, serving as a valued partner to the community since YEAR.

From supporting dignity, independence and choice for older adults, to strengthening families, championing full and meaningful lives for people with disabilities, and fostering stability and purpose for veterans, ORGANIZATION is a reliable source of support for anyone in the community in their time of need. By fulfilling their mission each and every day, they are a trusted, community-centered resource.

Lutheran social ministries like ORGANIZATION are called to this mission-driven work to steadfastly support needs in our community, including assistance with mental health, food assistance, transportation supports, and housing, among others. They are not driven by profit or margins. As good stewards of public resources, they are legally obligated to maintain the highest standards in the delivery of care and services. While not always easy, this commitment is not burdensome because the work is centered in faith and a tradition of service.

We/I encourage leaders here in STATE and nationwide to work to ensure that ORGANIZATION is supported so they can continue to serve our neighbors in the community who rely on their services and supports. At a time of great change, trusted organizations are needed now more than ever. We must work to ensure they are open, available and equipped to meet the needs of all who seek the care and services they need to live their lives to the fullest.