



March 27, 2024

Representative Jason Crow
1323 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Crow,

I'm writing to express my strong support for Mile High United Way's Mobile Assistance Center initiative, and ask that you prioritize moving this request forward through the Congressionally Directed Spending process. Mile High United Way is a trusted community partner with a proven track record of creating economic opportunity for all Coloradans, especially those residing in CD6. This innovative effort is an effective use of taxpayer dollars and advances our shared goal of making Colorado the best state in the country to live and work.

In challenging times, your constituents in Aurora, Littleton, Centennial, or Brighton may need to turn to a government or nonprofit services provider for help; but too often that service provider is too remote, the demand for services is too high, or the web of services is too confusing to navigate. People who need help can't find or access that help. 211 Colorado has made tremendous inroads in helping Coloradans find and access the help they need. Last year in your district alone, 211 Colorado had 28,555 contacts with constituents from counties in CD6. For this same period, the total 211 Colorado contact volume exceeded 172,500. But some people need to be met where they are, in communities across the state. The Mobile Assistance Center is an innovative solution utilizing a fleet of mobile units to deliver the right supports, at the right place, at the right time to those whose access to critical services are limited based on where they live.

The Mobile Assistance Center uses data-driven decision-making powered by 211 Colorado insights to deploy specially equipped vehicles to targeted areas throughout the state. It's a one-stop shop for almost any type of support or service any family or individual might need. Mile High United Way brings thousands of resources to bear from a trusted brand to ensure all constituents, especially those left behind by traditional service delivery offerings, can take the first step on the path towards self-sufficiency.

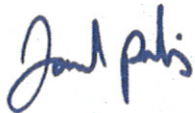
The Mile High United Way Mobile Assistance Center initiative is uniquely equipped to:

- 1) Be deployed rapidly in the case of fire or other disaster to meet help meet immediate needs of impacted individuals, families and communities;
- 2) Work alongside community organizations to fill important resource-connection gaps and maximize local government/nonprofit capacity in your district; and
- 3) Empower individuals/families with the tools and knowledge to overcome challenges with the support of compassionate, highly trained Mile High United Way 211 Resource Specialists and Navigators with access to over 7,000 comprehensive wrap-around

services, including tax preparation, physical and mental healthcare referrals, employment supports and workforce development, energy and food assistance, and much more.

Throughout my time as Governor of Colorado, we have continually partnered with Mile High United Way to tackle some of Colorado's most pressing challenges. I am confident that the Mile High United Way Mobile Assistance Center will reduce the burden on state and local government, put money back in the pockets of hardworking Coloradans, and create pathways to economic opportunity. It's an honor to serve the great state of Colorado alongside you and I appreciate your consideration of Mile High United Way's CDS proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis
Governor
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April 20, 2024

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Re: Mobile Assistance Center

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Dear Representative Crow,

The Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners is pleased to support a funding application for a mobile assistance center that will serve the Sixth Congressional District. The Centers are one-stop-shops that connect constituents to thousands of vital services, whether seeking tools to support self-sufficiency or enhance community disaster relief efforts.

These mobile centers are flexible and would allow us to serve residents where they are – making connections with county, state and federal programs that can help improve their quality of life. We appreciate that the vans can also be used during disaster situations, supporting our own recovery efforts, helping serve more residents than we could alone. This program has great community support, led by Mile High United Way.

We thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Carrie Warren-Gully Chair of the Board