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Community Development Commission,

Austin Habitat for Humanity takes a whole-market approach to the affordability crisis in this great city. We advocate for housing, build new units and repair homes. I am here tonight to attest to the home repair need our community faces.

Austin Habitat, like many of these great organizations here tonight, receive hundreds of inquires a year for service. We currently have 199 potential clients on a waiting list for service, with an average of 75 new inquires every month. We were fortunate enough to be a recipient of the GO Repair! funding this cycle. With this funding, we were able to perform 14 repairs and this funding was 100% committed in the first quarter of 2017.

One of the great things that we can do as an organization is leverage this funding with other grants and donations from the community. In 2017, we will complete a total of 20 Critical Home Repair projects and eight more A Brush with Kindness projects, these are exterior repair and paint only.

The draft Austin Strategic Housing Plan calls for 600 repairs a year. Austin Habitat and the Austin Housing Repair Coalition see this need daily and can continue to be excellent partners in keeping this city affordable.

Who Austin Habitat for Humanity Home Repair served in 2016:

- Total household occupants served – 50 people
- 42% of total households included disabled individuals
- 50% of households had a head of household over 65 years old
- Average MFI served 32% (below 30% is extremely low income)

Thank you for your time,



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