



## City of Tacoma

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City Council

March 24, 2026

The Honorable Patty Murray  
United States Senate  
154 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Community Support for Thrive Center Tacoma

Dear Senator Murray:

We are writing to express our strong support for Thrive International's effort to acquire and renovate the Thrive Center Tacoma property, preserving 115 units of deeply affordable housing for refugee, asylum-seeking, and immigrant families in Pierce County.

Communities across Washington state continue to face a shortage of affordable housing, particularly for families with limited incomes who are at risk of homelessness or housing instability. Stable housing is essential to family well-being, children's educational continuity, and long-term health outcomes. Projects that preserve existing housing and expand access to supportive services are critical to addressing these needs.

The Thrive Center Tacoma project will provide stable housing for more than 500 residents annually while improving access to employment, education, and family support services. By helping families maintain stable housing near jobs, schools, and transit, the project strengthens workforce participation and promotes long-term economic stability. Rehabilitation of the property will also support local construction and professional service jobs and contribute to continued reinvestment in the surrounding community.

This project leverages significant state, private, and philanthropic investment and represents a cost-effective approach by preserving and improving an existing property that is already serving

vulnerable households. Federal support will help ensure long-term preservation of affordable housing and reduce pressure on emergency shelters and other public systems.

We respectfully request your support for this important project and appreciate your continued leadership on behalf of Washington state communities and families.

Sincerely,

[City Council signatures to be added pending approval]