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State of California Department of Aging

Dear friends,

This is to inform you of just one of the many worthwhile organizations out there deserving the support of California government funding which is making an humongous difference in the lives of citizens who are challenged by illness and age, disenfranchisement and poverty.

I , myself, have been living with disabling HIV and AIDS for just over thirty years and for much of that time extremely gratefully utilizing the community based organization, PAWS, Pet Are Wonderful Support. This is one of the several successful groups still in existence still doing the good work of direct support which were created back in the 1980s when AIDS was hitting our communities hard and the U. S. government was criminally slow in response. so people everywhere began on a grassroots level to build the kinds of infrastructure needed , creating safety nets for people affected by the pandemic.

With the grants received by PAWS I have been able to keep several of my feline friends alive at home with me and am confident that this has extended and made easier my own life in the face of AIDS. I have made use of grants given to veterinarian doctors and the SFSPCA who have additionally offered discounted billings to PAWS clients like me. The food bank that is maintained by PAWS has sometimes made the difference between cutting back on my own needs and the feeding of my feline friends.

Any consideration you may extend to this worthwhile and important community based organization, PAWS, will be greatly appreciated by me and all my friends.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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