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Dear Friend:

I am glad to support Rebecca Huang, a high school senior, in her endeavor to create the Friends of the Bad Weather Shelter. In my judgment, the campaign's mission - to provide sustainable funding for the Pasadena Bad Weather Shelter - is an important one. Rebecca's plan is to recruit 100 businesses and individuals to contribute \$600 per year each. She hopes that the commitments would go for more than a single year; after all, good friendships last a long time.

This new effort has my support both in my role as Mayor of Pasadena and as a concerned member of our community. I would not want to stand by as other people suffer and not attempt to be helpful. A number of years ago, a homeless person died of hypothermia on the streets of Pasadena and this led to the formation of the Bad Weather Shelter. There is an urgent need to keep the shelter operating to prevent other such tragedies. Friends of the Bad Weather Shelter provides a convenient means to join this important effort.

As mayor, I am committed to the well-being of the entire Pasadena community, including its homeless population. The Friends of the Bad Weather Shelter will enable the Shelter to continue operation, thereby helping the homeless with nighttime shelter and hot meals during inclement weather.

I am proud to become a friend of the Bad Weather Shelter and would be pleased and extremely grateful if Pasadena businesses like yours and individuals like you would join in this effort as well.

Sincerely,



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