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Dear EASE Executive Committee:

We at the Filipino American Civic Employees of Seattle (FACES) want to commend you on helping establish the Emergency Assistance for Seattle Employees (EASE) organization. We greatly support this important effort to bring comfort and help ease the financial burden of Seattle employees through difficult times due to crisis or catastrophe. It is my pleasure to support and endorse EASE. EASE will be greatly welcomed by employees across the City.

Our colleagues and employees of the City of Seattle have long needed an organization such as EASE to help them through tough and unforeseeable circumstances where there are no immediate available funds.

This year alone, several City employees and members could have been assisted through EASE. There have been a few members whose medical leave and vacation have run out. They received no pay while they were recovering from their illnesses. The recent and tragic loss of one of our beloved colleague who died in a car accident while on duty is another situation where EASE could have assisted the family with the funeral costs. EASE organization and program will help take away some of the burdens and financial worries from their immediate family.

This organization is vital to an ever-increasing need across the City. We embrace the mission and vision of EASE and applaud your efforts to help our colleagues. We strongly advocate for EASE. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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cc: FACES Board of Directors