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Good afternoon,

I would like to document my support for Item 15 on tonight's agenda, 2021 RES-087 AUTHORIZING NEW HOUSING HUD ALTERNATIVE PROJECT POSITION DCDHS - HAA DIVISION.

My name is Catherine Reierson, I am a resident of Sun Prairie and work in the schools with families experiencing homelessness. I'd like to share some data from our county schools. According to DPI data from 2018-19, 666 students experienced homelessness OUTSIDE of MMSD. Of these 666 students, 80% were in a doubled-up situation. "Doubled-up" refers to families who are sharing the housing of others due to economic hardship. Right now, these families are essentially stuck because they can't get rental assistance (they don't hold a lease) and they can't access shelter/housing programs because they're not literally homeless. We need a dedicated position to support these families and advocate for resources to serve them.

The attached map shows 2018-19 school year data and the number of students experiencing homelessness per school district.

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