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The Honorable Michael B. Coleman
Mayor
City of Columbus
90 West Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Mayor Coleman,

The Community Shelter Board respectfully requests that the City of Columbus re-appoint Chad A. Jester for a new three-year term, through June 30, 2017. Chad's interest and commitment to our community's homelessness and housing needs make him an invaluable asset to our organization. He currently serves as Vice Chair and Chair-Elect, and will begin his term as chair on July 1. He has been an exemplary leader for our Board of Trustees. He has served on the Strategy Group for the redesign of the crisis response system for single adults since its inception in 2011. It's also noteworthy that Nationwide is a major investor in CSB's work, making their continued representation on our board very worthwhile and appropriate.

We wholeheartedly recommend that Chad be re-appointed. Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at mheritage@csb.org or 221-9195 x105. We await your affirmative response.

Sincerely,



Michelle Heritage
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Keisha Hunley-Jenkins
Chad Jester
Jeffrey Lyttle, Chair, Nominating Committee
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**Nationwide****Chad A. Jester**

Vice President, Corporate Citizenship
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Chad Jester is vice president of Corporate Citizenship and president of the Nationwide Insurance Foundation. He was elected to this position in August 2004. In his current role, Chad has responsibility for Nationwide's national corporate citizenship, including the company's philanthropic, volunteer, workplace giving, education and stewardship initiatives.

Nationwide's citizenship is central to the company's heritage, culture and values. The Nationwide Insurance Foundation has a long history of philanthropy since its creation in 1959, contributing more than \$310 million since 2000. The largest gift made to date by the Nationwide Insurance Foundation was to Columbus Children's Hospital in the amount of \$50 million. The hospital was renamed Nationwide Children's Hospital in honor of this philanthropic gift.

Nationwide associates have been active in community involvement through their personal giving and community involvement since the company's founding in 1926. Nationwide and its associates have again been recognized for this work by United Way Worldwide with its highest honor, the Spirit of America Award[®]. Nationwide is only the third company to receive the award twice. Feeding America recognized Nationwide with the 2010 Group Volunteer Service of the Year award.

Chad joined Nationwide in 1992 and has previously served in the positions of Public Affairs Officer and Director of Community Relations. Prior to joining Nationwide, Chad was in public service with the City of Columbus in the office of the Mayor of Columbus and Columbus City Council.

Chad is actively involved with numerous business, civic, nonprofit and government organizations. These include serving on the boards of the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium (Vice Chair); Center for Family Safety and Healing; Community Shelter Board (Vice Chair); KidsOhio.org; Nationwide Children's Hospital Foundation; Learn4Life Columbus (Chair); Learning Circle Education Services (Chair); and the American Red Cross Corporate Advisory Council.

Chad also received the Mel Schottenstein Award in 2012 from the Community Shelter Board for his dedication to end homelessness in the Columbus community.

Chad earned a bachelor's degree in political science and history from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He, his wife Debbie and their two sons reside in Columbus.

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