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Good afternoon, my name is Erin Long and I am writing as a concerned citizen of Vigo county. I have recently been made aware of the financial hardship Club Soda Terre Haute is facing. I read an article written by David Kronke titled Club Soda Just Hanging on, and in this article commissioner Chris Switzer is quoted as saying the Vigo county council has slashed the budget of the Vigo county commissioners community development fund from \$100,000 to \$30,000. The article also mentioned that it would not be fair to help one agency and not all. As well as being a concerned citizen, I also have a personal connection to club soda. My brother Evan created and drew the Club Soda logo. He has been helped by Club Soda multiple times and currently resides in a Club Soda apartment. There are multiple rehab facilities in Terre Haute but club soda is one of the few that offers additional housing after program completion and transportation. Club Soda is a place for people who are unable or unwilling to work a typical program in an inpatient facility. They are able to go to work to support themselves and their families while still receiving treatment. Other facilities like Next Step have full time employees dedicated to securing grants and funding, Club Soda has employees willing to work for free to ensure people receive help. There is a distinct lack of resources in Terre Haute allocated to reducing the homeless population. Addiction and homelessness often go hand in hand. Club Soda is an invaluable resource and they deserve the help. I urge you to utilize funds to keep the facility open. Social issues like addiction and homelessness are often overlooked and passed around without anyone taking any real responsibility for it. As representatives of the community I implore you to take the necessary steps to ensure that these issues are being addressed.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Erin Long