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To Whom This May Concern:

I am writing to show my support for Robert Mitchener and Our Youth Matters. I believe that Our Youth Matters' proposed projects will greatly benefit our local community and I am writing to express my full support.

Our Youth Matters has consistently worked to strengthen our at-risk youth and lessen crime through its focus on productive academics and behavior standards. Through Our Youth Matters, participants have been exposed to several experiences and opportunities that they would not typically encounter. For example, for the last four years, Mr. Mitchener has had Our Youth Matters participate in an event that I co-founded entitled "The Capital City Lawyers Association Youth Law Day." At this event, the youth are able to interact and learn from attorneys, police officers, engage in a mock trial, and take a tour of the jail. This program was created to introduce underprivileged youth to the criminal justice system in hopes that it will divert our youth from any future negative involvement as juveniles or adults.

As an attorney and former prosecutor here in Wake County, North Carolina, I understand the importance for our youth to have strong mentorship, guidance, and positive activities to keep them out of our criminal justice system, and Our Youth Matters provides just that. I am proud to serve as a community sponsor for Our Youth Matters and I sincerely hope that you will provide this grant so that the great work of Our Youth Matters can continue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "AP Dunston". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Attorney Ashleigh Parker Dunston