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Dear Ladies and/or Gentlemen:

I am writing to express my strong 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 opportunities that they would not typically encounter. I have witnessed the positive effect Mr. Mitchener has had on kids' lives and outlooks and it is powerful.

As a father, attorney, bank director and community leader in Raleigh, I have seen firsthand the need for youth to have strong mentorship, guidance and positive activities to put them on a firm foundation and the right track 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,


Charles T. Francis

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