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Mr. Joe Wilson
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

I was first introduced to Urban Education Solutions (UES) in January 2007 in Bal Harbour, Florida at a conference sponsored by the National Urban League (NUL) for the presidents and CEOs of its 100+ affiliates. Sam Harrell, President/CEO of UES was invited by the NUL to discuss the success that the Urban League of Colorado Springs had experienced deploying UES' Supplemental Education Services (SES) in Colorado over the previous four years.

During that presentation, Mr. Harrell discussed a number of points, including how to create sustainment for non-profits, while engaging communities to support educational initiatives that benefit at-risk-youths. Both of these points spoke direct to the heart of the issues confronting our organization and community. Subsequent to that meeting, in April, 2007, Mr. Harrell and associate, Dr. Dallas Johnson visited me at my office, the Urban League of Northwest Indiana, Inc.(ULNWI) in Gary, Indiana. While the initial objective of that visit was to assess how we could deploy his SES program in Gary schools, Mr. Harrell began assisting us in writing and applying for a YouthBuild grant from the Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (DOL/ETA).

Although, with other applicants, we have yet to hear of the winners for the grant. Mr. Harrell's efforts led to the collaboration of our entire community. Letters of commitment have been obtained from the mayor, City of Gary, Indiana, the Calumet Trustee of Lake County, Indiana, a senator, a congressman, superintendent of the Gary Community School Corporation, manager of US Steel, Executive Director of Lake Area United Way and the President of National Urban League, Marc H. Morial and several other prominent local and national organizations. Because of the comprehensiveness of the program, we have no doubt that, whether funded by DOL/ETA or not, our YouthBuild program will ultimately be funded and the collection of these organizations have committed themselves to support the program.

Most noteworthy was Mr. Harrell's level of commitment to helping our youth. Without any promise of compensation, other than what may be derived from the YouthBuild grant for the role to be played by UES, Mr. Harrell committed the full resources of UES to helping us. That kind of commitment is rare these days! It is because of these unselfish actions that I, representing Urban League of Northwest Indiana, Inc, highly recommend Urban Education Solutions as an organization truly dedicated to the advancement of at-risk-youths.

If additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me at 1-219-887-9621.

Sincerely yours,

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