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Dear Community Connectors Committee,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for All THAT – Teens Hopeful About Tomorrow's proposal for the Governor's Community Connectors Grant.

The Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center serves 132 teens with the average stay of 60-90 days per teen. In 2014 All THAT provided 30 interactive sessions for over 50 youth at our facility. Programs are geared toward building resiliency and character and ultimately instilling hope that the teens can accomplish their goals when released from our facility.

Students are taught the importance of setting goals, finding legal employment, budgeting, and making responsible choices regarding graduation from high school, careers, drug use, peer pressure, sexuality and other risky behaviors. Sessions with the students are interactive and provide a hopeful atmosphere. All THAT encourages youth to re-engage with society in a positive manner and to have a strong belief that they can bounce back from their previous negative decisions.

Please accept my endorsement of All THAT's request for a grant supporting this valuable program for students in our county. It is my belief that an innovative program of this nature should be replicated in other facilities.

Sincerely,

Naja D. Boone

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