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The Honorable John R. Kasich
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Dear Governor Kasich:

It is my pleasure to write in support of BLOC Ministries' application for the State of Ohio's Community Connectors grant.

I am very familiar with BLOC's work in Cincinnati's under-served communities, particularly in Lower Price Hill. This organization currently administers a variety of programs in these neighborhoods, including afterschool programs offering tutoring and safe outlets for children, like arts programs, fitness programs, and free community dinners. They are also revitalizing neglected buildings to repurpose for community usage. My office supported BLOC through funding of an arts building in 2014 to bring opportunities to the community for creative engagement and jobs training.

The grant through Community Connectors will expand afterschool programs through increasing mentors at 8 sites, adding administrative staffing to measure results, creating workshops to address teen issues, and purchasing a passenger van for field trips.

I strongly urge your support of this organization through the Community Connectors grant to provide program expansion and positive support of urban students.

Very respectfully yours,

Mike DeWine
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