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**Bob Peterson**  
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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write in support of RSVP of the Ohio Valley's application for a grant from the Community Connectors' programs. This organization is applying to be the lead agency for Jackson City Schools and Wellston City Schools in Jackson County, Western and Eastern Local Schools in nearby Pike County, and Gallipolis City and Gallia County Local schools in neighboring Gallia County; they would serve literally thousands of students in Southern Ohio.

RSVP of the Ohio Valley has a long standing relationship with the community; becoming the lead agency for Community Connectors in this area would be a natural and right progression of the services that the agency already so wonderfully provides. By working collaboratively with multiple school districts and multiple organizations as partners across southeastern Ohio, RSVP of the Ohio Valley will be creating a strategy which will strengthen the region as a whole.

One of this agency's many great programs is called HOPE: Healthy Outcomes thru Positive Experiences. Utilizing a multitude of volunteers from the entire community-- faith-based, business sector, seniors, and peer to peer, this program will not only have stronger youth and stronger future families, but also our community leaders will be better able to attract new business growth, being able to market a region with skilled young student who plan to stay and raise their own families in southeastern Ohio.

It is clear to anyone would spends time with young students that mentorship is a key component to success. The programs that RSVP of the Ohio Valley has produced in the past and will continue to create in the future are projects that support and encourage young people throughout Southern Ohio during a key developmental stage in their lives. I am glad to be able to support them in their application to the Community Connector's program.

I encourage you to carefully consider their proposal and application as you move forward through the selection process. If you have any questions for me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Peterson".

Bob Peterson  
State Senator, District 17