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CITY COUNCIL

Councilman 10th Ward

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Community Connectors
c/o Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
77 South High St., 30th Fl.
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Community Connectors Advisors:

Please accept this statement of support from Akron City Council for the iCARE project proposed to Community Connectors by a network of respected organizations from our city.

Our council members recognize that a key solution to improving high-school graduation and employment rates is to provide positive role models to our youngest residents and their families. In our opinion, the iCARE partners have designed a program that will result in significant improvements by the end of the pilot period and well beyond.

The Love Akron Network, together with Pastors David Parker and Eugene Norris, Man-Up Movement, Akron Public Schools, Summit Education Initiative and other key partners are to be congratulated for creating a mentorship program that will not only improve the lives of Akron's public school children, but also serve as a model for other programs statewide.

The Council looks forward to working in close collaboration with the group and many community entities, to ensure that effective mentor recruitment and required supports are in place.

Yours very sincerely,

Garry Money Penny
President, Akron City Council