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

Re: iCARE Mentoring Initiative

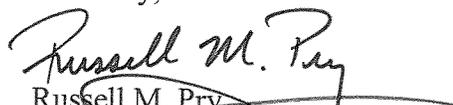
Dear Community Connectors Review Panel:

As the Summit County Executive, I am always looking for innovative ways to improve the lives of the youth in Summit County. For that reason, I strongly support the work being done by numerous partners in our community on the iCARE Mentoring Initiative program.

The iCARE Mentoring Initiative brings together several organizations that recognize and improve the value of young lives in Summit County. Working collaboratively, EMS, numerous area churches, Man-Up Movement, Charisma Community Connection, the Summit Education Initiative and the Akron Public Schools have developed the iCARE Mentoring Initiative to provide growth, stability and opportunity to at-risk youth. Our County has always been a hub for innovation and collaboration and iCARE blends the best of each of its organization's programming into a new mentoring program certain to show results for our students.

Again, please accept this letter as my strong support for the iCARE Mentoring Initiative program and the efforts invested into this program by the member partners. Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss this matter further or to express any additional concerns. I can be reached at 330-643-2605.

Sincerely,


Russell M. Pry
Summit County Executive

