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To Whom It May Concern:

As you consider proposals for the available mentoring grant, I would like to bring your attention to the proposal submitted by Faith Ministries Church, Significance, LLC., and Columbus Public Schools. If awarded this grant, Faith Ministries Church and their partners would be able to create and develop a much-needed mentoring community. This pivotal program takes great pride in giving high school students the resources and examples they need in order to prepare for a successful career.

More than just matching adults and students, the mentoring community would provide unique experiences for high school students through developing a small business within the program. Through building an urban garden at Faith Ministries Church, students would be exposed to all aspects of running a small business including accounting, marketing, construction, staffing, resource management and more. Additionally, students would have role models in their mentors, business professionals from around the community, and senior citizens all supporting them and encouraging them to feel the satisfaction of hard work paying off. Furthermore, Faith Ministries Church and their partners realize that true mentorship is not exclusive to community life, but begins in the home. Parents of high school students in the program would be offered mentoring training in order to learn new ways to support their child as they become more independent through the program.

If granted this proposal, the Faith Ministries Church, Significance, LLC., and Columbus Public Schools would have the capabilities to:

- Provide students with multiple role models with a variety of experiences;
- Provide students with practice in running a business, exposing them to great responsibility and great reward while helping them explore diverse career paths;
- Create a true mentoring community with intergenerational, multivalence mentoring emersion.

I ask that you please give full and fair consideration concerning the grant to the proposal brought forward by Faith Ministries Church and their partners. Receiving this grant will enable the program to offer important opportunities to high school students within our community. Please keep my office informed of the status of this application.

Sincerely,



Joyce Beatty  
Member of Congress