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Save Our Children
c/o Lisa Bramhall

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a lifelong resident of Lorain County, Ohio. During the nearly forty years I have practiced law, I have had the pleasure and good fortune to represent many charitable, civic and public entities, including the Direct Action Community Development Corporation, the Lorain City School District and the City of Lorain. I also served on various boards including the Direct Action Board, Lorain County Community College Foundation Board, Lorain County Community Action Agency Board and 100 Men of Lorain County.

Save Our Children (SOC) is an agency which has served the Elyria City community's underprivileged children for over twenty years. SOC knows the children of Elyria and has helped many of them succeed despite the great challenges most of them faced.

The proposed mentoring program for students at Elyria High School is tailor made for an agency like SOC. It is an opportunity for SOC to formally engage Elyria's teenage population in a manner which its limited resources could not provide in the past.

I am encouraged by the decision to allow SOC to serve as the lead agency for this important new program.

Very truly yours,



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