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Cecil Lipscomb
Executive Director
United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland
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Dear Cecil,

On behalf of the Cleveland Public Library (CPL), I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland's Coders Initiative. The Coders will offer much-needed skills training in the computer sciences for female, African American and other economically disadvantaged and underserved populations in the Greater Cleveland area.

The Library would be happy to offer space at any of our neighborhood branches or at our Main Library Building to host the Coders. Library staff would be willing to lend their expertise, especially our TechCentral Department, who has experience in coordinating these types of programs. We also have access to large quantities of computer stations that could be useful to the groups.

There is a great need in our community for these types of programs and the Library will always do what it can to help make them successful. That is why I offer our strong support for this project and would encourage others to offer their support for it as well. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (216) 623-2827.

Sincerely,

Felton Thomas, Jr.
Executive Director/CEO

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