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

I am writing in strong support of the United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland's proposal to Community Connectors for the *Cleveland Coders* program. At Great Lakes Science Center we pride ourselves on cultivating creative, innovative, critical thinkers for the 21st Century, and realize that our impact can be greatest when we partner with other community organizations.

Cleveland Coders will provide psycho-social and educational support to diverse youth from inner ring Cleveland area school districts. The multi-faceted mentoring program engages students with exciting real-world challenges, access to a range of community leaders, an opportunity for a life-changing experience. The Science Center is enthusiastic to be a part of *Cleveland Coders*, and provide experiences for students that focus not only on Ohio's Academic Content Standards, but also on 21st century skills, and non-cognitive factors, such as grit, tenacity, and perseverance.

Cleveland Coders embodies a deep collaboration between a range of community partners that will have a transformative effect. This project both advances our mutual goals, and strengthens our collective impact. If you have any questions, or need further information, please contact me at (216) 696 2112, or lockhartd@glsc.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Danyll Jones Lockhart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Danyll Jones Lockhart
Director of Youth and Family Engagement