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Alex Fischer
Chairperson
Straight A Fund Governing Board
25 South Front Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

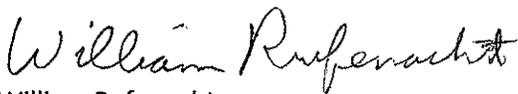
Dear Mr. Fischer,

The Fulton County Commissioners are pleased that the Ohio Department of Education has launched a program that can create partnerships between education and private business called the "Straight A Fund." In that, we are writing to you to show our support of the six Fulton County School districts that are partnering with the local business community in effort to seek a grant from this fund.

If awarded, the grant will offer a partnership with businesses to provide soft-skill courses and presentations to high school students. They will also offer apprenticeship programs and provide students a career portal (through an app) that will help them enter the job market as they complete their education. As you may be aware, in today's labor market, it is imperative that businesses and educational institutions partner to enhance the education of young students. It is also important to provide them with skills that are transferable and that will remain in high-demand during their professional careers.

The Fulton County Commissioners believe that there is great value in the efforts that will be put forth in this grant opportunity. They are also in full support of the opportunities that will exist to enhance the skills of students throughout the state as it relates to providing them with knowledge and experiences that will enhance their workplace skills and productivity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Rufenacht". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "W".

William Rufenacht
President, Fulton County Commissioners