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Dr. Kim Koeninger
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VIA FACSIMILE

Dear Dr. Koeninger:

I am pleased to offer my support for the grant proposal that Jobs for America's Graduates is submitting to the Department of Labor.

Jobs for America's Graduates is one of our nation's largest and most successful school-to-career and dropout prevention programs. Jobs for America's Graduates has 55,000 students enrolled in programs in more than one thousand communities in twenty-seven states. Our state affiliate, Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, serves 1,103 students in thirty-eight schools throughout our state. Jobs for Mississippi Graduates has maintained a graduation rate of 91%, with 82% of these graduates either employed or enrolled in post secondary education.

The Jobs for America's Graduates proposal will provide direct benefit and technical assistance to Jobs for Mississippi Graduates. Mississippi will serve as one of five pilot states to increase performance outcomes by improving the skills of local staff to build more effective connections between Jobs for America's Graduates and employers. Mississippi will also serve as one of three pilot states to improve the performance of state and local management teams to respond to key issues.

I believe that the Jobs for America's Graduates proposal is worthy of Department of Labor resources. I am pleased to offer support for this project. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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