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Sherita Bullock
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Healthy Baby Network
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Dear Ms. Bullock,

It is the Urban League of Rochester's pleasure to write this letter of support and we hope with you that your application to the Monroe County American Rescue Plan Funding Opportunity is selected for funding. The grant focus of creating infrastructure and services for vulnerable (medically, socially, historically, and environmentally) populations targeting Black birthing families and men with histories that include incarceration with a collaborative, person-centered, and culturally responsive approach is needed in our community at this time. Each of the three Bring Monroe Back Goals are addressed in your application and we support your efforts to respond to them by working to prevent Black Maternal Mortality and Morbidity and expanding the services in your Fatherhood Program to create innovations for Reentry, a multi-agency collaborative approach, and an intergenerational mentorship program with stipends.

The mission of the Urban League of Rochester (ULR) is to enable African-Americans, Latinxs, the poor, and other disadvantaged to secure economic self-reliance, parity and power, and civil rights. ULR offers over 25 programs within Workforce Development, Business Development, Youth & Education, Family Services and Developmental Disabilities to create opportunity and the development of intergenerational wealth for those we serve.

ULR has worked extensively with HBN, specifically within their Fatherhood program in connecting young fathers in ULR's programs to services through HBN, while HBN has been a consistent referral source for ULR programs and young fathers who are interested in receiving occupational training, continued education and employment services. HBN and ULR have also partnered at various community events to provide information regarding each others programs and have recently joined the Survivors Intervention Team through the Community Engagement to Reduce Violence initiative.

As a HBN community partner ULR believes in their ability to plan, strategize, and execute this work centered on the parents engaged in the programs. HBN brings a unique bench-strength and perspective to their approach that has served the parents they work with and our community well over the 26 years the organization has operated. We stand ready to collaborate with them, in support of their work, and believe they should be funded.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Compton
Director of Workforce Development
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