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Mayor Sharief:

Roland Abel of Miramar recommended that I contact you as he believes you may favorably offer support for a grant we are applying for. Below is an abstract of the grant being sought. Also, attached are letters of support templates that you are free to use to offer your support. Of course, if it is your preference, you may use your own letter.

I would appreciate a commitment for a letter of support by email as soon as possible. If at all possible, please may I have the completed letter of support by April 3, 2014. You may scan the letter in by email, send by fax (954-262-3925), or I will be happy to pick it up or make arrangements for retrieval.

Thank you for your commitment.

Liezette Abel-Ruffin

Abstract of The Youth Ambassadors Program from the U. S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

Dr. Liezette Abel-Ruffin and Dr. Mary Clisbee of the Abraham S. Fischler School of Education of Nova Southeastern University are applying for a grant for a The Youth Ambassadors Program from the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. This grant will fund a program that will provide 30 - 40 participants from the Caribbean to come to the U.S. to engage in a comprehensive survey of civic education, community service, and youth leadership development, building their knowledge and skill levels in these areas and supporting them as they become active and responsible members of their communities.

The program includes a three-week exchange for high school youth (ages 15-18) and adult educators focused on these themes and on subthemes such as social inclusion, entrepreneurship (including social entrepreneurship), innovation, and environmental protection. Participants engage in a variety of activities such as workshops on leadership and service, community site visits related to the program themes and subthemes, interactive training, presentations, visits to high schools, local cultural activities, homestays, civic education programming in Washington, D.C., or the capital city of the partner country, and other activities designed to achieve the program's stated goals. Multiple opportunities for participants to interact meaningfully with their host country peers will be included. Follow-on activities with the participants are an integral part of the program, as the students apply the knowledge and skills they have acquired by planning service projects in their home communities.

Participants will stay with host families between 14 and 17 days. We are asking for your support in :1) recruiting host families, and 2) providing meaningful experiences, such as a tour of your organization, a panel discussion, or some other enriching activity.

Please feel free to mention any of the following in your letter of support:

Program goals.

1. To promote mutual understanding between the people of the United States and citizens of Haiti and the Caribbean.
2. To prepare youth leaders to become responsible citizens and contributing members of their communities.
3. To develop skills in the participants needed to be leaders of the future
4. To foster relationships between young leaders from Haiti, the Caribbean, and the United States in an effort to create a network of young leaders within the US, the Caribbean, and Haiti, and internationally.

Program objectives.

1. Participants will demonstrate a better understanding of the elements of a participatory democracy in action
2. Participants will demonstrate critical thinking and leadership skills
3. Participants will demonstrate skill at developing project ideas and planning a course of action to bring the projects to fruition

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