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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my support to the PUMP Initiative for their free Virtual Learning Program in Harlem, New York. The PUMP Initiative is a non-profit organization that offers educational mentoring to students in various academic areas, and helps prepare students for standardized tests like the SAT and SHSAT. As a legislator in the New York State Assembly I am always eager to support programs like PUMP to bring educational assistance to children in New York City.

PUMP was first formed in the summer of 2018 when three Queens natives provided free tutoring courses that was open to all students in their community. The PUMP Initiative grew stronger in the coming months and the initiative began a new chapter in West Harlem. Their mission is to further their cause and to try to empower and educate as many students as they possibly can. They intend to expand their services from academic education to creative arts, health & fitness, financial literacy, and life skills. Especially in this current time, their Virtual Learning Program is necessary for our students to continue their education and skill improvement. We need to do what we can to make sure our students are receiving the best education we can provide them during these difficult times.

It is my hope that you will seriously consider the PUMP Initiative's funding request. I look forward to a continued partnership with the PUMP Initiative to address the needs of the children and families in Harlem

Sincerely,

Dan Quart

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