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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of support for PUMP Initiative. As a non-profit that was founded on the premise of education and empowering communities, PUMP Initiative has been successfully supporting youth in Harlem in order to ensure that they are able to thrive academically and beyond.

PUMP Initiative, through their preparatory programs, has created a curriculum that helps students with the SAT and Specialized High School Admissions Test as well as providing a one-on-one mentorship component. Even in this time of uncertainty, where Covid-19 has impacted every aspect of our lives including the way that our children are receiving their academic instruction, PUMP Initiative has continued to provide educational support to its participants. Through remote learning, PUMP Initiative has provided free academic, creative, technology and life skills support which now, more than ever, are vitally important for children of all ages. Their educational models will help students be equipped with tools that will allow them to excel academically and eventually professionally.

While this year has demonstrated that we must rely on each other in order to pull through difficult moments, PUMP Initiative serves as an example of an organization that it is doing precisely that. By partnering with community stakeholders, the program continues to be an essential resource for students and families. They have touched many lives and it is my hope that their funding request is considered so that they can continue to positively impact even more youth that need caring people to guide and support them.

Sincerely,

Al Taylor
Member of Assembly, 71st District