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To Whom It May Concern,

I write to you in support of PUMP Harlem's application for funding from the Department of Education. As Council Member for New York City's 7th District, which includes the neighborhood of West Harlem, I am incredibly fortunate to have an organization like PUMP Harlem providing assistance to countless young learners in our community.

Since 2019, PUMP Harlem has brought a newfound hope for many of our community's young citizens. This organization provides free SAT preparation that isn't solely focused on the exam, but also on the motivation these students need to enter into a collegiate career. Even in our current and virtual world, PUMP Harlem has innovated ways to provide a free Virtual Learning Program to students seeking to attend college in the near future. Moreover, the organization provides a platform that works to benefit both the student participants and the volunteer educators.

Without its contributions to our community, many students may not have found proper guidance to achieving their higher educational goals. As I look forward to PUMP Harlem's ongoing success, I strongly recommend that the Department of Education consider this organization in their funding decisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Levine".

Mark Levine  
Council Member, 7th District