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Re: Letter of Support of the Student Athlete Excellence Development Program

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Houston Chapter of the American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE Houston) please accept this letter as our support of the Student-Athlete Excellence Development Program under the direction of Dr. Andrew C. Green.

A primary mission of AABE Houston is the development of today's youth for careers in the energy industry. AABE works to create sustainable communities by linking energy professionals, executives and entrepreneurs with students and other members of the community. AABE Houston is a champion of education and fully supports educational programs that help to prepare our youths for future careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The energy industry is currently experiencing a demographic gap that is expanding at an alarming rate. The aging workforce will be retiring in the next 5-10 years. These changing demographics in the industry will create a tremendous opportunity for students who have demonstrated academic success in the STEM disciplines.

AABE Houston fully believes that the Student-Athlete Excellence Development Program is in alignment with our mission. We believe the holistic approach of this program, its focus on STEM education, and its goals of increasing graduation rates, will significantly impact the lives of Houston-area student-athletes. The program's approach will prepare these student-athletes for future career opportunities in energy. Our industry needs talented young people to continue to provide innovative solutions to grow our industry. We recognize that the energy industry is fueling careers and growth of the US economy now and for years to come. Therefore, AABE Houston offers our endorsement of the Student-Athlete Excellence Development Program.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Stringer', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Terry H. Stringer
Chapter President