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To Whom it May Concern:

I consider it an honor to have the opportunity to draft a letter of support for Sportin' The Grade (STG) Academy, a Student-Athlete Excellence Development Program.

On behalf of the Board of the Gulf Coast Community Services Association, Inc., and the thousands of constituents served, monthly, I can personally and professionally attest to the need for such an innovative program.

In the words of former President Theodore Roosevelt, "We cannot always build the future for the youth, but we can build the youth for the future." Evidenced by the goal of developing young at-risk student athletes in the Houston Metropolitan Areas, through the enrichment of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, STG is definitely poised to *build the youth for the future*.

Further, with Dr. Andrew C. Green at the helm, there is no doubt in my mind that this program's impact will yield exponential results for every at-risk student-athlete and parent participating. Andrew's exceptionally dynamic leadership skills and passion for helping others unequivocally personify Mahatma Gandhi's profound words, "We must be the change we wish to see in the world." Those acquainted with him both professionally and personally know, first-hand, that he embodies an inherent fervor for helping others.

As the Chief Executive Officer of the Gulf Coast Community Services Association, Inc., the largest Community Action Agency in the State of Texas and the only one (1) in the City of Houston, it is critical to partner with and advocate for programs like Sportin' The Grade Academy. The synergies that arise from like-minded partners working collaboratively to eradicate poverty and its causes, are immeasurable.

Given the unique niche that STG fills, there is no doubt in my mind that this program's impact will yield exponential results. Please consider supporting it thoughtfully.

If there is a need to speak to me, directly, I welcome the opportunity to expound even further. I can be contacted on my personal mobile at 713-494-4595, or by electronic mail at drj@gccsa.org.

Thank you, and enjoy the balance of your day!

Very truly yours,

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