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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that we extend this letter of support of the Unified Progress International Education (UPI) program, under the direction of Mr. Frank Crump, Founder. UPI is a valuable component of a newly formed collaborative effort designed to greatly enhance and enrich educational experiences of youth in the Valley of the Sun.

For the past few months representatives from the 100 Black Men of Phoenix, Inc, Roosevelt School District., Goodwill Industries, South Mountain Community College, Glendale Community College, Arizona Department of Education, and UPI have explored ideas to enrich the education of our youth. To this end, we have developed the "**100 Step Program**", as an After-school/weekend educational enrichment program (see attached).

The 100 Black Men of Phoenix, Inc. has been in partnership with the Roosevelt, the Phoenix Union High School District and several (area) charter schools since 1993. Through this partnership, boys and girls are provided mentorship to encourage and enhance their academic and social development. The UPI Life Skills curriculum will serve as a valuable addition to our efforts and in particular to the 100 Step Program. Inasmuch, we fully appreciate and support Mr. Crump's endeavors to secure the necessary funding in support of the UPI curriculum.

The 100 Black Men of Phoenix, Inc. is an affiliation of the 100 Black Men of America, Inc., founded in 1963 to improve the quality of life for youth both domestically and internationally. Each year, graduating high school student (s) in the "Mentorship Education Network (M.E.N.) Youth Leadership Development Program" is awarded the Michael Hale Scholarship sponsored by the Arizona Federal Credit Union. We encourage you to visit our website at: www.100blackmen.org.

We look forward to your participation in this new and exciting collaborative. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 602/534-9804.

Sincerely yours,

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