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Mr. Keith G. Pemberton, CEO Preparing Our Youth Foundation, Inc. 1589 Skeet Club Road High Point, North Carolina 27265

Dear Mr. Pemberton:

I would like to offer my full support to the 2019 Black History Quiz Bowl, to be held on February 21, 2019. Encouraging our youth through healthy competitions not only instills pride but also integrity. Building role models is desperately needed for today's youth. I am a firm believer that a mind is a terrible thing to waste.

You and the Preparing Our Your Foundation, Inc., are commended for developing leaders throughout the community. The work you are doing in High Point with our youth and in impoverished neighborhoods are critically important. Our children must have every support and opportunity to be as successful as those who have the resources within their own families and communities. Thank you for enriching young lives in the community by focusing on character building training, civic engagement and experiential learning for minority and underserved youth.

I wish you much success as you continue this great work. Education is indeed the key to economic and social success in the world.

Sincerely,

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