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Dear Bladensburg Grant Manager,

I am writing to express my strong support for the grant application submitted by We Lead By Example, Inc. I have had the distinct pleasure of observing firsthand the remarkable impact this organization has on our community.

We Lead By Example, Inc., also known as the Tae Kwon Do Ramblers, stands as a beacon of empowerment within the Bladensburg community. This organization, under the leadership of Adrian Seemangal, Harry Jenifer, and Susan McCutchen, provides invaluable services that extend far beyond the physical training of martial arts. They instill in our youth the principles of self-discipline, respect, and personal responsibility—qualities that are essential for personal achievement and success in all aspects of life.

During my visits to their sessions, I have witnessed the transformative power of their programs. Children and adults alike develop a profound sense of self-confidence and security, knowing they possess the skills to defend themselves if necessary. This is particularly significant in a time when personal safety is a pressing concern for many families. The affordable rates offered by the nonprofit ensure that these vital services are accessible to everyone in our community, regardless of their financial situation.

Moreover, the educational initiatives spearheaded by We Lead By Example, Inc. are exceptional. Their Bullying Prevention program is a testament to their commitment to the well-being of our youth. By teaching practical, evidence-based techniques, they equip young people with the tools they need to navigate and prevent bullying situations effectively. This proactive approach to safety and well-being is a cornerstone of their mission and one that deserves our full support.

We Lead By Example, Inc. is more than just a martial arts program; it is a comprehensive community resource dedicated to fostering meaningful and successful futures for children, youth, and adults. The administrative and program costs associated with running such an impactful nonprofit are substantial, and it is imperative that they receive the necessary funding to continue and expand their services.

For these reasons, I wholeheartedly support the grant application for We Lead By Example, Inc. and strongly urge you to provide the funding needed to support their invaluable work. This organization is a tremendous asset to Bladensburg, and I am confident that with your support, they will continue to make a positive and lasting impact on our community.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Malcolm Augustine".

Senator Malcolm Augustine
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