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To Whom It May Concern:

What do Eddie Murphy, Steve Jobs, John Lennon, Ice-T, and Louis Armstrong have in common? They were all foster children. These individuals have achieved success in areas that was/are their passion, and serve/served as a form of inspiration for others all across the world. Each exhibited the intelligence, creativity, resiliency, and drive that set them apart from their contemporaries. In part, being foster children helped them become the person they grew up to be. They were given a chance, an opportunity to become a better person, I am convinced, because of their experiences as foster children.

I am writing this letter of support on behalf of Xavier House Unlimited, whose mission as the first-ever foster group home is to identify and serve high-intelligence, high-ability youth who are struggling in foster care. The education of this advanced and high-ability, high-intelligence group of students is of paramount importance to the future of the United States. The economic or national competitiveness argument, whose goal is the development and utilization of mental resources for the benefit of the country, and for humanity in general, also recognizes the importance of capitalizing on the contributions of talented, highly intelligent foster children.

In order to develop the talent, potential, and self-advocacy skills of high-ability foster children, stakeholder groups must follow a collaborative and collegial approach rooted in clear communication and respect for the challenges these students face on almost a daily basis. Through the Xavier House, teachers and administrators will develop positive relationships with students, reinforcing qualities that are key to resilience. Xavier House staff will share examples of resilience, perseverance, and advocacy. They, in effect, become models and mentors for the foster children/students they serve.

In summary, I wholeheartedly support the mission of Xavier House Unlimited, a 501(c) 3 organization. This is an unprecedented effort that should be given every opportunity to grow, develop, and succeed. As an award-winning educator, scholar, and author I applaud the efforts of Mrs. Yvette Robinson, and her team, in what they are attempting to accomplish through the Xavier House movement. They will assist the advanced, high-ability, and high-intelligence foster care children/students in their care to put themselves in a position to take control of their own narratives and demonstrate their ability to persevere, be resilient, and rise above the challenges that stand in their way.

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