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TO: Whom it may concern

I am a retired executive who has served in a myriad of high- level positions including Congressman John Lewis' Congressional Office, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, City of Atlanta and the U.S. Interagency Council of Homeless (USICH). My work at USICH resulted with me receiving the Service to America (SAMMIE) Award for my role in reducing homelessness in the country. In 2021, Dr. Anthony Fauci was awarded the SAMMIE. All of this is to say, I have been able to identify and work with some of the most talented and successful leaders in America and abroad.

As God would have it, I have been fortunate to meet and know Benjamin Harper; watching his growth and development through boyhood and becoming a young man. He has shown leadership, scholarship, integrity, patience, unselfishness and great character. He is the epitome of a servant leader who believes in team work, stepping out of the matrix so that everyone is recognized. This is a young man on the cusp of becoming a great man in any of the career sectors he chooses.

When I learned about Benjamin's vigorous campaign to counter the nation of Rwanda's law that prohibited used clothes from being resold, leading to orphan children going without clothes, I was astounded and proud. For him to create an organization and fund it from his personal savings is the making of a philanthropist and entrepreneur. It is clear to me that he is committed to righting wrongs. Benjamin's commitment to social justice and his business acumen has led him to further address the lack of equity and inclusion in the business and financial sectors. By becoming the team captains of the Atlanta Chapter of Jack and Jill of America and the 100 Black Men of Dekalb stock market challenges (both teams ranked nationally) he has put action to words.

This is a young man who is standing on principles, and one day will be standing on the pillar of Greatness.

Sincerely,



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