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Mr. Allen S. Kullen
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

I am writing to express interest in our Department participating in a program from which resource materials specifically about Maryland for Maryland schools will be generated.

It is my understanding that the People of America Foundation will be responsible for fiscally supporting the development and dissemination of materials. I also understand that the Maryland State Department of Education will recruit and/or select the people who will work in the program and supervise the development of materials to ensure that they reflect a product which will complement our Education That Is Multicultural approach to curriculum. I appreciate your willingness to work with staff in our Department responsible for curriculum materials.

I appreciate the Foundation's generosity and look, with great anticipation, forward to the exciting product you envision.

Sincerely,

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December 27, 2012

Allan Kullen, President
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

I am writing to express the support of Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools) for the opportunity to partner with Americans All in a unique self-funding program to ensure that all classrooms and teachers—regardless of school location or community economic status—have equal access to high quality state- and grade-level-specific instructional resources in history and civics. As an immigrant to the United States from Cuba, I especially appreciate your program's emphasis on the positive values of diversity and tolerance, as well as your extensive information on the contributions of immigrant groups to the growth of our nation throughout its history.

I understand that the Americans All program aligns with the goals of City Schools' social studies program, and that all decisions related to content, curriculum and instruction will be made by City Schools, subject to state standards. In this way your program will act as a conduit to provide access to valuable content and resources for our schools and teachers, while leaving all decisions regarding use of those resources to City Schools.

Your program will also provide an opportunity for interested schools and school communities to benefit from unrestricted funds raised through the Americans All Heritage Honor Roll and the Business/Family Registry. Since the decision to participate in this aspect of the program will be made by interested schools and school communities, it aligns well with City Schools' commitment to transfer guided financial autonomy to individual schools. The fact that all of the benefits of the Americans All program are available at no cost to the district or our schools makes it especially attractive.

Thank you for making this opportunity available to City Schools. We look forward to partnering with your organization on behalf of our schools, students and teachers.

Sincerely,

Andrés A. Alonso, Ed.D.
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

It is with enthusiasm that I endorse the work of the People of America Foundation and the *Americans All* materials. These national educational materials will be available for dissemination throughout the state to support the infusion of diversity and "Education That Is Multicultural" into existing curriculum.

Prince George's County Public Schools, with its diverse population, is an ideal laboratory for the distribution and use of *Americans All* materials. Your program seeks to help this nation, especially its students, understand the social and economic values created by its diversity. As such, it is a perfect match with our school system's commitment to excellence, equity, and diversity.

Focusing on factors that unite rather than divide the American people, this program uses our nation's common heritage of both diversity and democracy. *Americans All* may serve to substantially improve our understanding of how immigration and migration (both forced and voluntary) have contributed to this country's growth and development, and its current status. These materials are structured to provide an in-depth intercultural group knowledge that is a prerequisite for an effective climate for teaching and learning.

I look forward to working with you in the future. Please feel free to contact my office if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Dr. Rita L. Robinson

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August 14, 2000

Mr. Allan Kullen
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

The creation of the *People of America Foundation Resource Project* has resulted in the production of state specific curriculum materials. Completing the *American All* project will be an admirable feat. The Maryland State Department of Education is dedicated to meeting the needs of our diverse population and will certainly benefit from this initiative. The Education That is Multicultural Committee that supports pluralism in teaching and curriculum resources would certainly benefit from a resource guide that would represent the rich ethnic heritage in Maryland.

Marcie Taylor-Thoma, our State Social Studies Specialist, speaks very highly of the program and the quality of your resources thus far collected. She has suggested that this program be coordinated through the efforts of the Maryland Center for the Study of History Education under the leadership of Dr. James Adomanis, a leading historian in early Maryland history. Dr. Adomanis has a firm commitment to representing all the voices in Maryland's history and had designed several nationally acclaimed web-based courses in history.

Please keep us informed on the success of your fund raising for this project. All of the school systems in Maryland could certainly benefit from a locally developed history resource. Dr. Adomanis can be reached at 410-974-4680 and Marcie Taylor-Thoma at 410-767-0519.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Kullen:

The Equity Assurance Office takes great pride in working collaboratively with the People of America Foundation. The opportunity to play a major role in the production of high quality educational materials for this project is one that we look forward to with great interest and enthusiasm. The issue of diversity and its resulting impact on our schools and the society at large makes this an exceedingly worthwhile endeavor. Prince George's County Public Schools, with its diverse population is a perfect laboratory for implementation of these materials.

The major goal of the Equity Assurance Office is to ensure that a positive learning climate exists for the total school community, resulting in equitable outcomes that service the needs of our diverse population. What better way to help accomplish this goal than by working to develop and create materials to support the teaching and learning of our varied cultures.

Once again, we look forward to working with you on this exciting venture.

Sincerely,

Rita L. Robinson

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Dear Mr. Kullen:

Americans All program will be partnering with the Office of Humanities to ensure that all of our classrooms and teachers have access to high quality state and grade-level-specific instructional resources in history and civics. The program's emphasis is on the positive values of diversity and tolerance, as well as extensive information on the contributions of immigrant groups to the growth of our nation, aligning with the goals of City Schools' social studies program.

In addition to its educational value, Americans All program also includes a strong fundraising component for individual schools through their Business/Family Registry and the Heritage Honor Roll. As I understand it, all funds earmarked for specific schools would be used at the school's discretion. Generating these funds will entail no commitment in time or money on the part of our schools.

Family and Community Engagement Specialists will be notified of this opportunity and will share it with their schools that express interest in fundraising ideas. Schools are not obligated to participate but may opt in if it meets their needs. Since your organization will also be directly soliciting participation from businesses and individuals I ask that you coordinate with me if you have any questions regarding groups or companies who may already be working with City Schools.

Thank you for this opportunity for partnership, and for your interest in City Schools.

Sincerely,

Deborah Johnson-Sloof
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Dear Mr. Kullen:

As Director of the Office of Humanities in Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools), I am writing in regard to the community engagement and school fundraising components of the upcoming Americans All program implementation in City Schools. As I expressed in my letter to you of July 23, 2012, it is my understanding that the Americans All program will be provided to City Schools at no cost to individual schools or to the district. In fact, your program includes a strong fundraising component for individual schools through the Business/Family Registry and the Heritage Honor Roll. As we discussed, any funds earmarked for specific schools would be used at the school's discretion.

Naturally, unrestricted additional funding for individual schools is always valuable, particularly given the broad budget decision-making autonomy enjoyed by our schools, which is a key element of our reform initiative. The fact that generating these funds will entail no commitment in time or money on the part of our schools makes your program even more of a plus for City Schools.

Combining this element with your goal of encouraging tolerance and diversity through an appreciation of the contributions that various immigrant groups have made to our country, the emphasis on preparing students to fulfill the duties of citizenship in a participatory democracy, and the equally valuable opportunities for meaningful professional development for our teachers makes for a compelling program.

I wish you well in your efforts on our schools' behalf. If you have any questions regarding groups or companies that may already be working with City Schools, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for this opportunity and for your interest in City Schools.

Sincerely,



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