



STATE OF VERMONT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Mr. Allan Kullen, President
People of America Foundation
5760 Sunnyside Avenue
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Dear Allan:

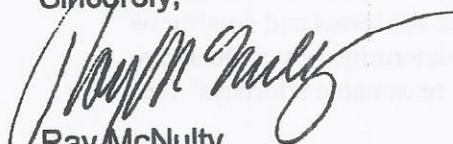
I would like to write this letter of support for the People of America Foundation and its work to develop an inclusive database that honors the cultural diversity of our nation. Even though Vermont continues to be a rather homogeneous state, we need to prepare our students to live in a diverse nation. This database will help prepare our students to meet the challenges facing them inside and outside Vermont.

Vermont has extensive and rich history. However, most of our original historical documents and artifacts are in various locations around the state, not easily accessible to Vermont educators and students. This project will provide a database to share these valuable primary resources in a way that is equitable and easily accessible.

It is the goal of the Vermont Department of Education to provide Vermont schools with a variety of standards-based materials and resources. The People of America project will allow Vermont educators to identify, develop and disseminate curriculum materials to support the Standards-based teaching/learning process. It will provide educators with the valuable instructional and assessment tools needed to successfully implement Vermont's Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities.

Thank you for selecting Vermont as one of the first AmericansAll Pilot Sites. The Vermont Department of Education is excited to be a partner with other organizations around the state to develop the Vermont AmericansAll Project. We look forward to working closely with you as the project moves forward.

Sincerely,


Ray McNulty
Commissioner