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Hon. Jay Williams  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development  
US Economic Development Administration  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Suite 71014  
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Dear Secretary Williams:

I write in support of the application submitted by Pattern for Progress to the Local Technical Assistance program of the Economic Development Administration.

As you may be aware, Pattern for Progress has provided the Hudson Valley region of New York with sustainable and economically efficient guidance for more than 50 years. In doing so, the work produced by Pattern has enhanced the growth and vitality of the region and helped to increase its economic standing. Most recently, the demographics of the Hudson Valley have shifted toward an increasingly diverse and aging population. The majority of growth within the area can be found in both the Hispanic and Latino populations, which are primarily rooted in urban centers. As a result, communities of these demographics are currently presented with emerging obstacles and opportunities, both of which Pattern for Progress seeks to mitigate through its Technical Assistance grant.

Award of this application will allow Pattern for Progress to promote the integration of Hispanic and Latino populations and provide guidance on best practices to further ensure their economic growth. Your investment will allow Pattern to establish a better understanding of the obstacles facing these communities, which will build a solid foundation for economic development throughout the entire Hudson Valley. In addition, your investment will allow for community tailored training, access to capital for both new and emerging businesses, and provide continued support on integration related issues. In closing, this project is consistent with the top priorities of the Regional Economic Development Council and is likely to decrease the poverty rate, help retain jobs and create new employment opportunities for those most in need.

Therefore, I fully support this application and urge your serious consideration of this request. In order to keep my office informed about this opportunity during the allocation process, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Deputy District Director, Joseph Donat by phone at (845) 561-1295 or via e-mail at [Joseph.Donat@mail.house.gov](mailto:Joseph.Donat@mail.house.gov). Thank you in advance for your time and careful consideration of this request as both are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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