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Ms. Iesha Sekou
Chief Executive Officer and Founder
Street Corner Resources
22 East 128th Street
New York, NY 10035

Dear Ms. Sekou:

It is a pleasure to write a letter of support for "Street Corner Resources," under your incredible leadership. Over the past few years, your organization, Street Corner Resources, has played a major role in the Community of Harlem. Under your leadership, Street Corner Resources has been at the forefront of eradicating gang violence in Central Harlem. You have used your incredible skills and talents as a "street" negotiator to detect and interrupt conflicts in the streets of Harlem, and your voice is constantly heard on street corners working to identify the problems of gang violence and to meet the needs of the highest risk individuals.

Your plan to incorporate the "CeaseFire" model, into your portfolio is an excellent concept. The "CeaseFire" model was used in the most violent community in Chicago, and the results were overwhelming, there was a 67% reduction in shootings in its first year of operation. Although the "CeaseFire" model was developed and used in Chicago, your work in Harlem has leaned toward that model for many years. Street Corner Resources has prevented street violence by intervention and mobilizing the community.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of Street Corner Resources. Whatever Community Board 10 - Manhattan can do to assist you in your efforts to better the lives of young people, we are on call.

My best to you,

Henrietta Lyle
Chairperson
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cc: Tamara Martin, Chair of Public Safety
Keith Taylor, 1st Vice-Chair
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