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Re: Briggs – Delaine – Pearson Foundation

To whom it may concern:

I have been a pastor in Clarendon County for more than thirteen years and served youth and adult members of several congregations. Therefore, I am aware of the significant needs and the lack of programs to address underserved youths' needs in the area.

I am also mindful that in the past, the Briggs – De Laine – Pearson Foundation has sponsored programs in education, nutrition, and healthcare through its Afterschool Tutorial and Summer Enrichment programs that benefited the underprivileged and underserved of Clarendon County.

I fully support the BDP Foundation's past efforts and plans to enhance the lives of the people in Clarendon County. I am confident that when the organization can complete its facility, the members will develop and implement programs designed to alleviate some of the ills experienced in the area. It is my understanding that the facility will also provide programs to benefit adults as well as youths.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Rhodes