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Mr. Daryl Williams  
Chief Executive Officer  
Urban Entrepreneur Partnership, Inc.  
c/o The Kauffman Foundation  
1520 E. 18th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64108

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing to commend you and your organization for the establishment of the Urban Entrepreneur Partnership Detroit 150 program – a unique undertaking that will help some 150 potentially high-growth minority automotive suppliers transform their businesses over the next three years.

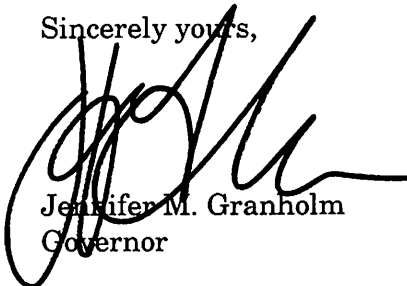
This program, which is funded by a \$3 million grant from the New Economy Initiative and operated through the respected Kauffman Foundation, is yet another building block in our overall strategy to reinvent the Michigan economy. As I have said many times, we need to diversify both within and outside the automotive sector – and UEP does exactly that.

The fact that you will be working with 50 hand-selected and pre-qualified suppliers for the next three years will bring both short-term and long-term results. We anticipate significant job retention and job creation in the Detroit area as a result of your efforts.

I am particularly pleased to learn that you are targeting supplier diversification into clean energy, aerospace, medical devices, and defense and homeland security sectors – all of which are very much in our “sweet spot” and tied to existing programs, which are being administered through our Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

Again, congratulations on your efforts and please keep me informed of your progress.

Sincerely yours,



Jennifer M. Granholm  
Governor

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