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April 29, 2024

Valerie C. Williams  
Director  
Office of Special Education Programs  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Ms. Williams:

I write in support of the application from Maria College to the Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities Program.

Maria College, located in Albany, New York, works diligently to offer students opportunities for community-based experiential health professions training, emphasizing experiences in underserved neighborhoods. This funding opportunity will enable Maria College to meet the grant's objective of expanding and enhancing their occupational therapy curriculums, courses of study, and clinical experiences while increasing their faculty, staff, and student competencies of related services personnel to serve children with disabilities and their families in early intervention, early childhood, and educational settings.

Like you, I am committed to the well-being and health of children with disabilities. Your full and fair consideration of this request, consistent with current laws, rules, regulations, and agency policy, is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul D. Tonko".

PAUL D. TONKO  
Member of Congress

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