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To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for Junior Achievement North's (JA) request for funding from the State of Minnesota. Great Clips has partnered with Junior Achievement North, formerly Junior Achievement of the Upper Midwest, since 2017, and has been continually impressed by the support they give to the young leaders of our community.

By preparing the future entrepreneurial and community leaders of tomorrow, JA is helping us to build a more sustainable, equitable, and engaged business community. Their programs set students up for success in school and life, by providing them with engaging opportunities to learn the basics of business and personal finance, explore their professional passions, and understand the importance of higher education. Moreover, their commitment to underserved groups – particularly students of color, students from low-income backgrounds, and students from small and rural communities – helps to ensure that the business community comes to better represent the racial, geographic, and economic diversity of our local community.

JA's work also provides an invaluable educational opportunity for business leaders and young professionals in our community. Their work always centers their students and teacher's needs. Yet, by engaging business professionals as teachers, volunteers, and mentors, they also allow our employees to give back to the community in a meaningful and engaging way. While JA's mission is to shape and motivate the leaders of tomorrow, by engaging members of the local business and entrepreneurial community, they are also inspiring and fostering today's leaders.

The work that Junior Achievement North does is helping to build a more inclusive, community-oriented, and resourceful business community for today and tomorrow. I hope that you will join me in supporting JA students as they prepare to succeed in school, their careers, and in life.

Sincerely,



Rob Goggins  
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