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Dave Bauer - Letter of Support

It is with pleasure that I write in support of Mr. David Bauer's funding application to the Hahn Family Foundation. I have known Mr. Bauer for more than 18 years, both as a friend and as a graduate student and alumni in our Creativity and Change Leadership Certificate program at Buffalo State College. Over this time I have seen Mr. Bauer's ability to uplift leadership skills of others, especially among the youth in our community. Since his retirement from classroom teaching in 2007, Mr. Bauer has embraced other pursuits mainly focused on inspiring leadership in the face of mounting environmental challenges. To that end, he has been active in numerous community initiatives that have resulted in tangible benefits. Mr. Bauer's Young Adults Environmental Leadership Program - YAELP, is known in the WNY community as among the finest youth leadership program for training our next generation of leaders.

I am very confident that Mr. Bauer's impact in the local community will be enhanced through the support of the Hahn Family Foundation. I would also predict that given his passion, skill and knowledge, he will contribute much to those he comes in contact with through his sustainability work and the YAELP program.

Feel free to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,

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