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Pearl Hartz, Founder
Restorative Justice Mediation Program
3295 Meade Avenue
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Dear Ms. Hartz:

I am pleased to submit this letter of support to the Restorative Justice Mediation Program (RJMP), a program that seeks to find alternatives to first-time juvenile offenders.

The RJMP vision is to reduce the rising number of offenders appearing in the criminal justice system. Through supervised mediation, RJMP seeks to resolve conflicts between juvenile offenders and their victims. This program gives a judge the opportunity to bring together the youth, the victim, as well as family members, teachers, and other community members to see if restitution, responsibility, and healing can be reached through counseling and a sharing of experiences.

In acknowledgement of its community-based approach to juvenile justice in the past, the RJMP has been recognized by the US Attorney's Office, the County of San Diego Department of Probation, and members of the community. I support the efforts of the RJMP to seek public and private funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mack Jenkins".

MACK JENKINS
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