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To Whom It May Concern:

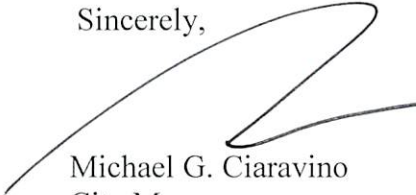
The City of Newburgh wholeheartedly supports the efforts of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District's My Brother's Keeper Fellows, Mr. Kameran King and Mr. Jeremiah Palemon, in the pursuit of Wi-Fi devices through the Sprint 1 Million Grant.

Mr. King and Mr. Palemon eloquently demonstrated through their presentation to this municipality the need to embrace digital equity to help income challenged scholars who do not have access to reliable Wi-Fi services. The City also recognizes the intentionality and compassion of these MBK scholars as leaders in light of the fact that the Newburgh Enlarged City School District has launched a One to One Initiative that puts technology in the hands of every NECSD scholar grades three through ten, but that some of these scholars may not have the same opportunities to explore and expand their learning at home because they do not have Wi-Fi.

The City of Newburgh has researched and begun dialogues in an effort to support city-wide Wi-Fi for all its residents and will continue to do. However, until this is actualized in our great City of Newburgh, the City is behind the NECSD MBK Fellows in their current and future endeavors of this project. The City will focus efforts to set aside funding and create seed grants to ensure that every home in the City of Newburgh has the ability to access quality Wi-Fi.

The City of Newburgh recognizes that this collaborative pursuit between the NECSD and the City will extend learning in the homes for all NECSD young scholars and will help families to identify employment opportunities, resources, programs and services available to them in aid of honorable quality of life.

Sincerely,



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