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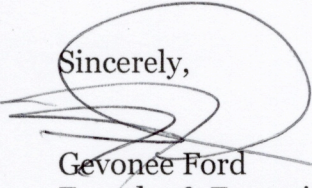
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Dear Chair Liebling and Members of the Committee,

Network for the Development of Children of African Descent (NdCAD) would like to thank the Governor and Lt. Governor for supporting the Community Solutions for Healthy Child Development Grant Program. The grant program has meant so much to so many children and families in the State of Minnesota. NdCAD is a family education and literacy center that works to improve academic success of children as well as stabilize families, helping them become more self-determinizing. The Community Solutions for Healthy Child Development Grant Program has allowed our organization to expand our reach and impact on families who otherwise would not have access to our programs, services and supports. The grant program focuses on improving measures of well-being for children and recognizes the important role that cultural communities play in their growth and development. The program has assisted organizations, like NdCAD, to elevate and provide community-driven solutions that are responsive to critical needs families face. Building social and cultural capital, among families and communities, is vital to the success of all Minnesota children. We are grateful that the Community Solutions for Healthy Child Development Grant Program exists and are hopeful that your support will mean that its impact can continue for generations to come.

Thank you for supporting the important work made possible through the Community Solutions for Healthy Child Development Grant Program.

Sincerely,



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Founder & Executive Director