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Dear Senator Hayden,

95 University Avenue West  
Minnesota Senate Building, Room 3109  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

I am writing you today in full support of The Sanneh Foundation and their programs, which are an essential key to the success of Saint Paul youth.

The Sanneh Foundation's Dreamline program, in particular, increases academic achievement to close the achievement gap while working to advance job opportunities in education for people of color. By providing an innovative teaching career pathway for people of color the program helps to address Minnesota's teacher shortage and lack of diversity.

This unique program works with disengaged, underperforming and at-risk students from low-income families and communities of color. It also provides data illustrating positive academic outcomes, decreased absenteeism and increased student self-efficacy and school engagement.

It is important that we continue to support the work that is being done through The Sanneh Foundation and the Dreamline program. I hope that you will be able to approve the \$1.5 million funding for S.F. 3125 either through the Education Committee or Equity Subcommittee – enabling them to expand into Minneapolis and St. Cloud. Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Coleman  
Mayor