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RE: Tribal Energy Camp Funding

Dear Friends,

I'm writing this letter to express my full support for Redbridge, Inc.'s proposal seeking funding to establish an energy-focused summer camp for tribal youth. As an educator who works with college-age students, I regularly see the importance of early outreach programs such as the Tribal Energy Camp.

The mission of Student Activities & Leadership Programs is to enrich and integrate students' leadership and academic experiences in order to educate students to be ethical, socially just, and civically engaged leaders on campus and in their larger communities. I believe this project will provide a fun, educational opportunity for tribal youth to learn about energy opportunities for their communities in a collaborative setting that will foster future energy partnerships between tribes and energy stakeholders.

Making the connection between the needs of our Tribal communities and the career opportunities that higher education can afford our youth is critical to meeting the many needs our Tribes face today and in the future. By making these programs educational, interactive, and relevant – our youth can begin to see themselves as our future biologists, engineers, and directors.

Redbridge is a native-owned company with the marketing experience, and utility and tribal ties, needed to deliver a successful program that will advance tribal energy opportunities in the region.

In conclusion, I support this effort and encourage you to give the proposal due consideration.

Sincerely,

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