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Total Sunshine, Inc. 2500 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE Washington, DC 20020

RE: Letter of Support

Greetings,

I would like to formally express my gratitude and support for Total Sunshine, Inc. This organization operates with a mission to change the behaviors of individuals and families towards more positive behaviors, with a strong focus on education and academic success. Total Sunshine, Inc. "promotes smiles" in communities facing hardships through mentorship, support for students academically, and televises positive community events. Under the direction of Mrs. Merilyn Holmes, Total Sunshine, Inc. has provided invaluable services to our Ward 8 community.

Total Sunshine, Inc. hosts an annual Grade School Rewards Ceremony to celebrate Valedictorians and Salutatorians from DC High Schools. This year will be the 8th annual celebration since its creation in 2003. I am pleased with the work that Total Sunshine, Inc. brings to the District and especially to Ward 8. Our students are the most vulnerable and in need of positivity through messages of hope, and positive pushes towards academic excellence.

As the Ward 8 Councilmember, I'm committed to promoting prosperity and growth in Ward 8 so that the residents can achieve their full potential. Total Sunshine, Inc. assists this effort with their support of 454 DC Valedictorians & Salutatorians by providing laptops, flash drives, and other materials needed for classes. The 69 seminars that Total Sunshine, Inc. have coordinated at DC Schools is also an invaluable asset to the Ward 8 community.

Mrs. Merilyn Holmes and Total Sunshine, Inc. are a model for organizations as well individuals who want to make a direct impact in our Ward 8 community. I will continue to partner and support them in their efforts to improve the quality of life for our Ward 8 community. Please contact me at my office at (202) 724-8045, if you have any concerns.

Respectfully

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