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The Honorable Hank Johnson

United States House of Representatives

2240 Rayburn House Office Building

Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman [Last Name]:

Thank you for your strong efforts and continued work in Washington, DC on behalf of Georgia's children, youth, and families. As the House/Senate prepares the FY18 and final FY17 budgets, we urge you to continue to support before-school, afterschool and summer learning programs through the 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) Program.

In Georgia, the 21st CCLC program provides over27,000 young people with a safe and enriching place to go after school that supports what they learn during the school day, provides them opportunities to spark new interests, and prepares them for college, careers, and life. **Currently, the 21st CCLC program is the only federal program dedicated to providing young people with quality enrichment and supervision during the hours when school is out, including afterschool, weekends, holidays, and over the summer.** Without a separate funding stream specifically targeting learning outside the school day, essential learning opportunities that are helping more than 1.6 million young people nationally better prepare for college, careers and life may disappear.

A few sentences about your program. You may want to highlight:

* Key data points
  + Number of students served
  + Number on waitlist (if there is one)
  + Demographics
* Impact data
  + Academic achievement data
  + Parent/student/school survey results
* Community impact
  + Parent and community outreach/events
  + Number of community partnerships
  + Additional funds leveraged from 21st CCLC funding
* Personal stories – quotes/anecdotes from your students/staff/parents – what afterschool means to them, what they would (not) be doing with out it

We invite you to come down to [your program] to see for yourself what the 21st CCLC program looks like – to have an opportunity to meet the young people who walk through our door each day and hear why afterschool matters to them. For many of our students, our program provides the personalized attention and enrichment opportunities they would not receive elsewhere that often means all the difference to them and their futures.

Please let me know if there is any way that I can be of assistance to you and if you would like to schedule a time to visit our program. You are always welcome!

Thank you again for all that you do for Georgia’s young people.

Sincerely,

[your name]

[your title], [program name]