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Deborah Bergeron, Ph.D.  
Director  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start  
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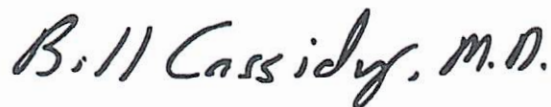
Dear Dr. Bergeron:

It has recently come to my attention that the Regina Coeli Child Development Center is applying for funding from the Head Start grant program. They are requesting \$14,751,491 to continue operating programs in the Parishes of Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington.

The Regina Coeli Child Development Center has operated Head Start programs since 1969 and currently operates 19 Head Start and Early Head Start centers with an enrollment of 1,750 children. They also operate an Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership. As part of its efforts to ensure their students are prepared for kindergarten, the Regina Coeli Child Development Center works closely with six school districts. They believe that one indicator of the quality of their programs is that one-third of their 500 employees are the parents of current or former Head Start students.

I am thankful for the Office of Head Start's consideration in securing funding for this worthwhile project. I ask that you please keep my office informed on the progress of this proposal as well as when a final decision has been made regarding this grant. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michael Eby in my Baton Rouge Office at (225) 929-7711.

Sincerely,



Bill Cassidy, M.D.  
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