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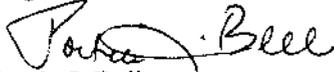
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in response to the news that the RLP funding is potentially being taken away from the State of Ohio. As a dentist in Columbus, Ohio for more than 33 years I must encourage the state to reconsider this thought.

The RLP fund has spearheaded the dental education for many in the city. It would be such a loss to the prospective students and dental professionals who benefit from the access this program provides. I have had the opportunity to employ dental assistants who received funds from the program. Many were graduates of Assist To Succeed who is owned and operated by Kindra O'Riley locally. Programs like this teach necessary skills in Healthcare which are in high demand as our Columbus population increases.

I strongly believe that the state should continue to invest in those that call Ohio home. This investment is one that sees a tremendous return because with skills people are employable, earn an income, pay taxes, and contribute to society vs the opposite. When you invest in people you create a win-win situation. The RLP program has been one of the forces behind the win-win for Columbus and Ohio as a whole. I encourage you keep contributing to the continued momentum already in play I keep the RLP program as an option for continued education.

Regards,



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