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Hon. Adrian M. Fenty
Mayor of Washington, DC
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mayor Fenty:

I saw you on the Evening News earlier this week explaining your concern with the education problems that beset the public schools of your great city, the nation's capital. Since you have assumed responsibility for the success or failure of the schools, I would like to offer you a helping hand.

Having worked in the field of education for over 35 years, I share your concerns. I am particularly concerned with the plight of so many young African-Americans who should be succeeding academically but are not. Their failure is caused by a system that is geared to creating failure.

I grew up and went to school at a time when African-Americans were making great strides in literacy. If you will read the enclosed book proposal on "The Making of the Black Underclass," you will see what has to be done to change things for the better.

I would like to conduct a Pilot Project to show you how the academic achievement of the children in your schools can be dramatically improved in less than a year. If you accept my proposal, I shall be more than happy to come down to Washington and show you what can be done.

Sincerely yours,