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Dear Mr. President

My name is Joseph (Billy) Louis, a member of the IHRC, representing the local governments, and the director of the National Leadership Conference of Haitian Mayors. I am writing to you in support of a project the NLCHM is undertaking with CAN-DO.org and its founder Eric Klein.

Our Mayor's association has worked with Eric Klein and CAN-DO since October, 2010. The lack of progress after one year has led our association to form a strategic partnership with the CAN-DO Organization based on their level of accountability and their dedication to delivering tangible/real results. CAN-DO mobilizes quickly, hires primarily Haitians, works collaboratively with other NGOs, avoids red tape, and has an impressive track record in Haiti since January 2010.

These principles of operation have carried over to the Community Revitalization Center (CRC) Project. In January, we met with Mr Klein and his partners to develop an agreement which started the CRC Project. I personally contacted ten mayors who overnight responded with their enthusiasm for the project and their commitment to provide land to establish a CRC locally. Within a week, two centers had been started with the financial support of the Boehm Gladen Foundation, demonstrating CAN-DO's commitment to fast action. Both were completed and turned over to the community in less than two hours. The centers, already implemented by the CAN-DO organization, include a school in Croix-des-Bouquets which now facilitates 1,200 students and a medical facility/women's center in Wharf Jeremy, which now services an area of Cite Soleil where most mothers had never delivered in a hospital nor had any type of prenatal care. Now they do.

Everything about this project involves our Haitian community. The local communities will set their priorities. The mayors will select and provide land, with the support of the Interior Ministry. The structures for the CRCs are built by a local Haitian company. The administrators in each of these communities will also be Haitians.

I along with the mayors feel the CRCs will bring valuable services particularly to the undeserved communities outside of Port au Prince. I am not only support the CRC Project, it is my hope that the Clinton Foundation will also support the expansion of the CRCs. I ask that you join the CRC Project with both a symbolic and a financial contribution. We believe that the CRC concept is deserving of your support, as it breaks new ground, is community driven, highly collaborative, and leverages the desire of many parties to contribute in Haiti. Your support will most likely provide the tipping point to get organizations such as IDB to participate, and get organizations looking for a working model to contribute financially and in kind. Many have already stepped forward with in kind commitments.

I look forward to your positive response.

Respectfully Submitted,


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