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Mr. William Forester, Jr.
Metropolitan Junior Baseball League
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Dear Mr. Forester:

On behalf of the Members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), I would like to commend you on your efforts to improve baseball programs at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The Metropolitan Junior Baseball League's proposal to partner with Major League Baseball is critical to providing the financial assistance our HBCUs need to make their baseball programs better.

The proposal is also valuable because it requires that participating HBCUs develop a community outreach program in which HBCU students provide tutoring, mentoring and baseball coaching for socially and economically disadvantaged youth in the area. This effort will not only improve the quality of HBCU baseball programs, it will also improve community opportunities for youth. I am very supportive of this initiative and to follow-up, Congressman Bobby Scott's office will be working with you on this effort.

Sincerely,

Elijah E. Cummings
Chair

cc: U.S. Representative Bobby Scott