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July 12, 1994

Honorable Nick Rahall U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Rahall:

This is to follow-up our earlier communication to you regarding a successful grant application by BLUEFIELD STATE COLLEGE.

The Department of Education has just completed negotiations with BLUEFIELD STATE COLLEGE on the grant amount to be awarded under the EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTERS program (CFDA# 066A). The award is being made in the amount of \$183,000 for the project period 09/01/94 through 08/31/95. This grant award will be identified in the future as PR/Award # P066A40226-94.

The program description is as follows:

TO PROVIDE FED SUPPORT FOR THE COST OF ESTABLISHING & OPERATING EDUC OPPORTUNITY CENTERS IN AREAS OF LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

The contact person at BLUEFIELD STATE COLLEGE is:

TO B NAMED BLUEFIELD STATE COLLEGE 219 ROCK ST. BLUEFIELD, WV 24701 (304)327-4502

If you have any specific questions about this grant, please don't hesitate to contact Larinese Young of my staff at (202) 401-1043.

Sincerely,

Kay Casstevens Assistant Secretary

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