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REGINALD K. MEEKS STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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I am glad to be able to provide a word of support for Margaret Dunbar-Demaree and the 1 + 1 = U Program. As I do this, I encourage each of you to take it upon yourself to learn more about how this unique program might be of some benefit to you and your family.

As a former Louisville Alderman and now serving you in the Kentucky General Assembly, not to mention my work as Associate Director of External Programs for the University of Louisville, I am pleased that a program such as 1 + 1 = U has crossed my path. This program continues in the legacy that many of our citizens, clergy and community leaders established in educational equality for everyone, not settling for anything less than your very best, and giving troubled teens a second chance. These are the foundations upon which 1 + 1 = U rests and this is what the program is all about.

The founder and visionary of 1 + 1 = U is Margaret Dunbar-Demaree, and I have watched her work with troubled teenagers throughout many of her 26-plus years of teaching. I believe this is a unique opportunity for other organizations to partner with 1 + 1 = U and to build something stronger than separate organizations could be. Today, no one person or organization can appropriately attack the issues of educating troubled teenagers and giving them a brighter future. It really takes a combined effort. I will personally do everything in my power to continue supporting this program, and I hope you and others will follow suit.

We should all give Ms. Dunbar-Demaree whatever support we are able to provide her. She is attempting to do for our children often what parents are unable to do. Check her out for yourself. I am proud of her and hope you will be proud and supportive of her as well.

My respects,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reginald K. Meeks".

Reginald K. Meeks
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