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Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
810 Seventh Street NW
Washington, DC 20531

Re: Solicitation # OJJDP-2020-17926

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to offer my support for the Pace Center for Girls' above-referenced grant application to provide services to children exposed to violence in their homes, schools, and communities in South Carolina.

For months, Pace has worked with leaders in our state to bring its nationally recognized model to South Carolina. At the suggestion of the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice, Pace has focused its attention on the Darlington-Florence area for its first program. Both counties have rates of violent crime significantly above the state average.

This three-year grant will enable Pace to expand its impact in South Carolina, create a Girls Coordinating Council and collaborate with others in communities throughout the state to develop better data and identify service gaps and barriers. With this funding, Pace can lead and staff these community-based efforts, while bolstering data and resources to help children exposed to violence.

Thank you for your work to help states and communities reduce violent crime and assist those who are its victims.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Henry McMaster".

Henry McMaster