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To Whomever It May Concern,


I am writing to you as a career military officer, now retired from active duty and employed in the defense industry. I am concerned that the larger formative education system (K-12) in the United States falls short in STEM curricula and in the development of critical thinking skills, ultimately eroding our competitive advantage and tangentially our national security.

My four children attended Good Foundations Academy in Riverdale, UT, where they were privileged to experience tutelage under, with a syllabus of instruction developed largely by, Ms. Susan Goers. In addition to the world class academics at Good Foundations Academy, Susan was the driving force behind my children's successful participation in competitive state-level programs such as Utah FIRST Robotics as well as national-level programs including Odyssey of the Mind, the National Forensics Tournament, and MATHCOUNTS®.

I was pleased to learn recently that Ms. Goers has made significant strides in founding a charter school that exactly addresses my concerns regarding educational opportunities for students in Northern Utah. Susan's vision, organizational talent, educational focus, ability to motivate both students and faculty alike, and resourcefulness in seeking competitive opportunities to stoke her students' creative fire will serve her and our community well in this endeavor.

I am honored to endorse Susan's efforts to provide what I know from experience will be a world-class formative education to the children of Ogden and surrounding districts. Her plan is ambitious but certainly achievable with help from the community and from corporate interests. I humbly ask for your support to help Susan provide our children the education they deserve!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. D. A.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christian Robert