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Ms. Beth Crist  
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Dear Ms. Crist:

With our strong commitment to supporting early literacy initiatives and civic engagement in the state, Serve Colorado lends its enthusiastic support for the Colorado State Library's grant application for the "Putting SPELL (Supporting Parents in Early Literacy through Libraries) into Action" project.

Serve Colorado, the Governor's Commission on Community Service, strives to build a culture of civic engagement across Colorado by working in partnership with a vast array of community based organizations. Additionally, Serve Colorado directly oversees the Colorado Reads and One Book 4 Colorado early literacy initiatives, both of which this proposed project will directly complement and support.

Serve Colorado pledges to contribute a \$5,000.00 cash match towards this important early literacy endeavor. The prototype projects and evaluations that the project will produce will be invaluable statewide for public libraries and other organizations that work with families with young children and will contribute significantly to community early literacy efforts.

On behalf of Serve Colorado, I encourage the Institute of Museum and Library Services to fund this proposal. We look forward to supporting this project and furthering our strong partnership with the Colorado State Library and public libraries statewide in a joint effort to increase early literacy awareness outcomes.

Sincerely,



Lindsay Dolce, J.D.  
Executive Director