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Mr. Alex Stein  
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Dear Mr. Stein:

I write this letter in strong support of EASTCONN in partnership with the Town of Windham School District's Teaching American History Grant application.

EASTCONN has been successfully administering and facilitating the Teach American History Grant since 2004. Along with the Windham School District, they have proven overtime to be a group capable of both effective planning and follow through with regards to this program. I saw this first hand when I was recently able to visit their facility. There, I met with some of the parents, teachers and administrators. I was impressed with their capabilities and their passion for learning and teaching.

EASTCONN, in conjunction with the Town of Windham, has been able to draw together a broad range of partners, including the University of Connecticut, and local historical groups to promote the professional development local teachers. The Teaching American History grant has made it possible for American History teachers across northeastern Connecticut to continue their education and learn ways of making the subject 'come alive' for students. I ask you to give their application full and fair consideration.

I thank the U. S. Department of Education, Office of Innovation and Improvement for facilitating the Teaching American History Grant. If there is anything that I can do to further assist EASTCONN's grant application please do not hesitate to contact my District Director Jenny Contois of my Norwich District Office at 860-886-0139. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best Wishes,

JOE COURTNEY  
Member of Congress