I got your phone message - yes, if you could pass along a draft support letter, that would be helpful. Thanks.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Bishop, Valarie
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 12:56 PM
To: Soura, Christian
Cc: Haltiwanger, Katherine
Subject: Letter of Support Follow-up

Hi Christian - I hope you received my phone message that I left you late yesterday. I thought I'd follow up with an e-mail with a bit more detail. Katherine Haltiwanger wanted me to call you regarding the Letter of Support request that was sent to the Governor's Office for consideration for Pro-Parents. Because the request is related to the Pro-Parents reapplication for their federal grant, she wanted your input into whether this is something that would be considered. Pro-Parents is the funded agency for parent training, information and assistance for the State. There is nothing else like what they do in South Carolina. There are also no requirements for match of State funding. The DD Council works closely with this organization for parent and self-advocacy programs, one of which the Governor signs certificates for graduation - Partners in Policymaking.

I am in my office all afternoon today and most of Friday this week. I am in briefly tomorrow morning but out by 9:30 at the latest. I am usually in by 7:30 AM most days. My office phone is 734-0215. My cell phone is 803-528-4095. You can call my cell phone most anytime except tomorrow morning from 9:30 until about noon. I look forward to speaking with you soon. Thanks, Valarie

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