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Gary Becker
Mayor, City of Racine
730 Washington Ave.
Racine, WI 53403

July 8, 2008

Dear Mayor Becker;

My name is Carla Ward and I am the Director of the YWCA of Racine Empowering Women's Center. I have been employed with the YWCA of Racine since April 14, 2008. A letter was written to you dated March 26, 2007 by Deborah Embry who was the Executive Director of the YWCA of Racine at that time. The letter requested money to implement the Training Inc., program. The program was not implemented at that time.

I would like to request a waiver of the previous conditions and requirements outlined in the letter you received from Deborah Embry for us to receive the \$25,000 from the Local Option Fund to assist with the operation of the Training Inc., program. Also we are requesting an extension of the time to use the money. We now have the computer lab for Training Inc., up and running and are in the process of hiring a Coordinator to facilitate the curriculum for Training Inc., We raised money for the start up of Training Inc. through a fundraiser luncheon. Since my employment I have researched the Training Inc., program, created a curriculum, partnered with Workforce Development staff to refer participants for our Training Inc program. The program is also available for the general public who fit the criteria of all of our programs of being low income.

While being a part of the Training Inc., program participants will receive assistance with resume writing, cover letters, job search, twelve week critical choices online course that assist participants in building new skills that prepare them for the workforce. This will assist them to become self-sufficient and financially stable.

Feel free to come over and see our computer lab as well as review our curriculum.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 989-9922.

Sincerely,



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