



February 23, 2018

TO: Holly Morehouse  
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FROM: James Brown  
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Dear Ms. Morehouse:

It has come to our attention that the Vermont legislature is considering H. 270, a bill concerning expanded learning opportunities. This bill would increase access to afterschool and summer learning programs for low-income students and youth in underserved areas of Vermont. It would also have a priority for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programming. It is our understanding that while there appears to be strong legislative support for H. 270, the Vermont Agency of Education has indicated that they are facing capacity issues to administer the proposed grant program.

With this in mind, and weighing the great positive impact that this bill could have on youth in Vermont, I am making a commitment to support your search to find and fund a qualified grant administrator should the law be enacted and sufficient funds become available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Brown III", is written over a light blue vertical line.

James Brown  
Executive Director  
STEM Education Coalition