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From: Michelle Berry <mberrytbh@gmail.com>
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Hello,

I am writing you today regarding the Vermont Micro Business Development Program and Amy Robinson, which have been pivotal sources of support and empowerment in beginning my business here in my home state of Vermont.

As a young, first time entrepreneur, I had very little understanding of where to start in beginning my business. I felt quite lost until I made the connection with Amy Robinson and began meeting with her for guidance and support, at the beginning stages of opening my business. Through her mentor ship, and influential workshops and classes hosted through the MBDP, I was able to gain the knowledge and confidence to get my business off from the ground. It was also through this program that I connected with funding opportunities to support getting my business off from the ground and opening my doors in recent months.

I am the proud owner of the business, "Journey Within Equine Healing", which offers Equine-facilitated coaching and yoga to the residents of Vermont and beyond. So much of what my business is and is becoming has to do in part to the influence of this wonderful program.

I wish that I could be there to support this program in person, but since I cannot, I am hoping that my words will represent me. I wholeheartedly hope that this program continues, for my sake and for the sake of others like me who are aspiring to make their dreams come true, to bring their gifts to the world and to support our economy.

Thank you for your time,

Michelle Berry

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Jenna O'Farrell, *Executive Director*

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