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Community Foundation of Ottawa
75 Albert Street, Suite 301
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Attention: Barbara McInnes

Dear Barbara:

Re: Vital Signs Colloquium

I was very happy to attend your Vital Signs Colloquium about our community. I think I needed to re-tool my own social conscience and I was therefore interested to hear from people that I would not normally encounter in my day-to-day life.

It is clear we have a way to go in Ottawa but at least there are people like your audience who can identify the problems but perhaps do not have access to power to remedy them or ever discuss the issues in a non-political environment. Your program gives these people a voice. It is imperative that someone now needs to listen and I believe we have a municipal election in the not too distant future. I intend to use your program as a guide to draw to the attention of each candidate the most pressing issues for the citizens of this City. I am hopeful that we can distract the candidates from their parochial and small-minded interests. It would certainly be wonderful if we could incorporate some of the diversity that we saw at your conference into a representation on municipal council to give them a voice and the power to make a difference.

Thank you once again for inviting me.

Yours very truly,



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