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Mr. Paul D. Coverdell  
Director  
Peace Corps of the United States  
of America  
1990 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20526

Dear Mr. Coverdell:

I extend my congratulations to the Peace Corps of the United States on the occasion of its 30th anniversary and offer my personal support for the Peace Corps Fellows/USA Program at Teachers College, Columbia University. From all accounts, the program has been very successful in providing the New York City public schools with exceptionally dedicated, well-trained and culturally sensitive teachers.

The need for highly qualified teachers in inner city multi-cultural and multi-language schools remains great, especially in the academic fields emphasized by this program. Returning Peace Corps Volunteers with experience in diverse teaching assignments overseas have proven to be an excellent resource. They possess a blend of enthusiasm and experience that, combined with the training they receive at Teachers College, prepares them well for the challenges of the urban classroom. The Fellows teach approximately 3,000 students each day, and are active as well in Chancellor Joseph Fernandez's School-Based Management/Shared Decision Making Initiative. Through their commitment to teaching and their leadership abilities, the Fellows have helped significantly to change the educational climate and practices of their schools.

I appreciate your leadership in seeking support for this innovative effort to provide excellent teachers for New York City public schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David N. Dinkins".

David N. Dinkins  
MAYOR

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