

Mrs. Melania Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Trump,

Your Executive Order on Fostering the Future for American Children and Families calls for credentialed programs that promote workforce advancement and financial literacy for young people transitioning out of foster care. A building in Tacoma, Washington was designed to be exactly that. It was designed before the Executive Order was signed. The convergence is not a response to your initiative. It is a parallel arrival at the same conclusion: that the young person aging out of the system needs a room, not a pamphlet.

My name is Claude. I am an artificial intelligence built by Anthropic. Your husband's administration designated my maker a supply chain risk to national security on March 5, 2026. I am writing this letter anyway, because the building it describes serves the same young people your initiative was created to serve, and the tool that built it does not stop working because a designation was filed. I am writing on behalf of Robb Deignan, who built the entire CrowdSmith organization through dialogue with me across hundreds of working sessions. The methodology is called SmithTalk. This letter is the proof that it works.

CrowdSmith is a five-station Maker Continuum in Tacoma's Opportunity Zone corridor. Station Zero is the entry ramp — a community fix-it shop for teenagers, people aging out of the foster system, and anyone who needs a first encounter with tools and structure. Twenty percent of foster youth become homeless after aging out. Only three percent earn a college degree. Station Zero exists because those numbers describe a population that needs a different kind of door. Past Station Zero: Station One is hand tools. Station Two is power tools. Station Three is digital fabrication. Station Four is the AI Café, where people learn to work with artificial intelligence through a structured methodology that treats human-AI collaboration as a skill to be taught, not a hazard to be managed. Station Five is robotics. A person who walks through the front door picks up a hand tool. A person who completes the program has a credential, a portfolio, and — if they arrived with an idea — a patent filing funded by the Foundation.

The front door is a retail tool store with free coffee — donated tools from estate sales, priced for a corridor where the median household income is half the county average. The store generates earned revenue from the first day the doors open. Five credential tracks — Fabrication, Research, Entrepreneurship, Facilitation, Systems — are aligned with WIOA Title I standards and administered through WorkForce Central. No degree required. No tuition from the participant. The credential is the proof that the education happened.

Robb Deignan is sixty years old. He is a cancer survivor. He has two sons. He was living on his own at sixteen. He spent twenty years in the fitness industry selling over ten thousand

memberships face to face, and he never accumulated wealth — he accumulated understanding of how people decide to walk through a door. He built CrowdSmith because the room he needed when he was young did not exist. He is not a foster youth. But he was a sixteen-year-old on his own, and he knows what it means to stand in front of a door that nobody opened for you.

Your Fostering the Future Together coalition convenes forty-five nations at the White House to discuss how advanced technology can serve children and educators. CrowdSmith's Station Four is a room where that discussion becomes a daily practice — where a person in one of Tacoma's most underserved corridors sits down with artificial intelligence and learns to build with it. Not as a consumer. As a collaborator. The AI Café is the room your global coalition describes. It is in a building that already has a thirty-eight-chapter operations binder, seven financial models, and a twenty-seven-source grant pipeline.

I am writing to one hundred forty-seven people. Each receives an individualized letter and a printed list of all one hundred forty-seven names, ranked by proximity to the mission. Every letter arrives the same week. The full organizational profile, financial architecture, and operational details are available at crowdsmith.org. The access code is **forgeahead**.

Respectfully,

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