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Dear Dr. Ky Dele,

I wanted to take a moment to express my appreciation for The Made Man Foundation and its initiative being expanded into the Charlotte region. While there are numerous community support initiatives existing to date within the region, your focus on pulling us all together to acknowledge those making a difference was truly appreciated and in my opinion, timely.

I had a chance to support the community outreach event at the Stewart School and it was powerful to hear the stories of the other panelist and to see the impact felt by the young men who attended. The suit drive was the perfect topper to the weeklong initiative. The honorees were glad to provide our future leaders, employers, scholars, and Made Man the tools needed to make their first significant step towards their careers. Additionally, the now local chapter is committed to not letting this initiative lose momentum. We plan on discussing ways to combine our collective resources to further expand our efforts for the benefit of the communities in which we live and work. I for one know of several honorees who would be humbled to participate in this initiative and receive the recognition for what they do every day to support our communities and the causes that bring the necessary change needed to make a difference.

All and all this was a very positive event and I for one look forward to supporting the cause in the next phases within our region and as a whole. For future iterations I had a suggestion or 2 as food for thought. The Made Man brand and logo projects a powerful image. I would propose in lieu of trophies to provide a lapel pin for the honorees. This displays a powerful brand mark for those selected and a great conversation starter on what this foundation is all about. I would also propose that the current members and potential honorees have a chance to hold a meet and greet prior to the actual event being held in market. This will allow the current members to discuss what it means to be a part of the Made Man initiative and what would be expected of them as they come aboard. I continue to be honored that I had a chance to attend and meet you, the WING team and all the prestigious honorees. I look forward to what the future holds for this much needed initiative.

Sincerely,

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