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Dear Nation of Makers,

The Maker Education Initiative (Maker Ed) is a nonprofit organization that envisions every young person having equitable access to engaging learning experiences that collectively develop their skills, knowledge, and ways of thinking, and that recognize and value their ability to influence their world. We believe in the value of maker education as a learner-driven, open-ended, interactive learning approach that can enable students of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds to develop new perspectives, a belief in their own abilities, and a passion for learning.

Through our partnerships with organizations like AmeriCorps VISTA, museums, libraries, afterschool service providers, and schools, we provide training, resources, and a community of support to educators and institutions that support them in creating the engaging, inclusive, and motivating learning experiences that maker education provides. We strive to make it possible for every educator in America—with a particular focus on those in high-needs communities—to incorporate maker education into their learning environments in an easily accessible, highly-adaptable way.

We are excited by the efforts of the Nation of Makers to continue to build upon the grass-roots efforts of the maker community and President Obama's Nation of Makers initiative, as an independent non-profit, and the ways in which it will collectively help maker organizations by encouraging connections, broadly sharing resources, facilitating funding opportunities, engaging in policy development, and advocating for the Maker Movement. Maker Ed is pleased to support the Nation of Makers in its efforts to work towards a thriving, connected and inclusive maker-centered community of practice that will further the ability of students, educators, adults, and families to engage in making and sharing.

We are committed to ensuring that maker organizations amplify the passion, innovation, creativity, and diversity of the Maker community, and maximize both local and global impact.

Sincerely,



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