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To Whom It May Concern:

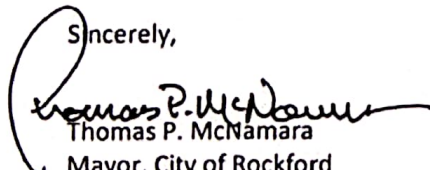
As Mayor of Rockford, I strongly support the work done by Life Decisions. This organization is new, but its leaders and mentors are already making a real impact on our youth. Education, job training and relational mentoring for our community's at-risk youth are at the core of Life Decisions' mission. The group is focused on helping often-overlooked young people break the cycle of crime and low educational attainment.

Life Decisions has a unique team of professionals and young people focused on making a difference. Many of the people involved with Life Decisions' mentoring efforts have come from destructive and criminal backgrounds themselves. Today, they are leading their peers and siblings in a positive direction, while serving our community. This is an organization that has been able to tap into the potential of these young people; provide structure; and work with them on self-care, community service, healthy relationships and preparation for employment. In turn, the young men and women have come to understand that they have opportunities and hope. They have completed GEDs, received job training, and have access to resources they were previously unaware of. Some have stayed with the organization and became mentors for others.

It takes patience, trust and understanding to reach out to and change lives and it is already working for Life Decisions. I applaud them! On behalf of the City of Rockford, I am grateful to be one of the many in our community who have stepped forward to join them, offering our full support.

Thank you for what you are doing, Life Decisions. Together, we can all be proud to call Rockford home.

Sincerely,


Thomas P. McNamara
Mayor, City of Rockford