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UNC-Duke-Bennett Millennium Village Project  
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To the Communities of UNC Chapel Hill, Duke University, and Bennett College:

I am proud to give my support to the UNC-Duke-Bennett Millennium Village Project (MVP) for many reasons:

- a) The students working on MVP are helping build and support a sound model for the sustainable economic development of sub-Saharan Africa. The MVP model is a comprehensive approach to ending extreme poverty based on scientifically-proven interventions. As a community-driven model, it empowers the poor to improve their own situation.
- b) The project brings together students from three very different schools for a common cause, demonstrating their common concern for the poor of the world.
- c) The MVP demonstrates that our educational community can facilitate not only learning but action. The students of the Millennium Village Project emphasize responsible, deliberate, and intelligent involvement in international development. They seek to both understand the issues of poverty and act to the best of their ability to solve them.
- d) The students' involvement in MVP illustrates their awareness that, ultimately, we are all part of the same global community—that the suffering that accompanies extreme poverty anywhere is unacceptable to humanity.

The effort of these students to raise \$1.5 million is of gigantic proportions. These young people have taken on a task that many would not consider. But, who better to take on such a challenge than those who are our future leaders. It is with great respect and admiration that I support the students of the UNC-Duke-Bennett Millennium Village Project in an effort to extend a helping hand to people in extreme poverty.

Sincerely,

Erskine Bowles