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To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter in wholehearted support of Imagine Foundry and their visionary project to establish a comprehensive Discovery Center and Makerspace in the Upper Cumberland. Having collaborated with their team, I have witnessed firsthand the profound and positive impact they have on our community's families, and I am confident this new facility will become a cornerstone of innovation and learning for our region.

Our organization, Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency, has had the pleasure of partnering with Imagine Foundry on several occasions, including the Empower UC initiative. Through this collaboration, we saw how their unique, hands-on approach to learning ignites curiosity and builds confidence in children and adults alike. They possess a remarkable ability to create an inclusive and encouraging environment where families can connect and create together, perfectly embodying their mission "to provide a space where families can imagine, design, and create their ideas together and learn through hands-on exploration." The programs they provided to the families we serve resulted in tangible skill development, enhanced problem-solving abilities, and, most importantly, a renewed passion for learning.

The proposed Discovery Center and Makerspace, a joint effort with UC Makerspace, is a logical and essential next step for our community. The vision to create a single, intergenerational hub—serving everyone from toddlers to seniors—is precisely what the Upper Cumberland needs. The inclusion of an adult makerspace, a licensed kitchen, an ecology center, and a stargazing dome, alongside the expanded children's discovery center, addresses a critical gap in our region. This facility will not only provide unparalleled educational resources but will also serve as an incubator for local entrepreneurs, a training ground for new skills, and a vibrant community gathering space.

Supporting this project is an investment in the future of the Upper Cumberland. It will empower our residents with the creative and technical skills needed for the 21st-century economy, foster a culture of lifelong learning, and strengthen the fabric of our community. We are incredibly excited by this project's potential and give Imagine Foundry our highest recommendation.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,



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