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Dear Community Service Committee Members,

My name is Than Astin.

I am writing in support of Maydm to receive funding to fuel the growth of its exemplary internship program. As a Wisconsin native, board member and Apple employee of almost two decades there is simply nothing like it in our community.

At Apple, I managed an internal internship program with similar learning methodology to Maydm's program. I am confident this approach works, having seen it first hand within the world's most valued company. Maydm is exactly the type of innovative disruptor that Madison needs to improve access to diverse talent for our growing tech sector.

It is likely that there are organizations with a longer history of service being considered for funding. Please give Maydm the opportunity to demonstrate that there is a welcomed place for new, hungry organizations, focused on tackling tomorrow's problems with exciting new approaches. We are just scratching the surface on the impact our programs have on the students we serve. Let us show you what we can do with your support.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider funding Maydm's internship program.

Regards,

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Maydm Board Member

PS I wrote about the exciting potential impact of Maydm before joining the board two years ago ([https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A\\_\\_maydm.org\\_the-2Dpower-2Dof-2Da-2Dgift-2Dto-2Dmaydm\\_&d=DwIFaQ&c=byeFhD2ZumMFFQYPZBagUCDuBiM9Q9twmxaBM0hCgII&r=dutMvzyvve8ySiUGngAF2xmsvZtzYYfAMfD\\_0I-MmdQ&m=di0AGEs0sN-HgaL0B5\\_fj\\_fyPpjIZIcjDRFZKRqDAHOZVAavxUQbuwBJuok8dvoF&s=v9ls0kKE5YtJkO2ElSXDavIDOsOvqpheluqeZQotHRO&e=](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__maydm.org_the-2Dpower-2Dof-2Da-2Dgift-2Dto-2Dmaydm_&d=DwIFaQ&c=byeFhD2ZumMFFQYPZBagUCDuBiM9Q9twmxaBM0hCgII&r=dutMvzyvve8ySiUGngAF2xmsvZtzYYfAMfD_0I-MmdQ&m=di0AGEs0sN-HgaL0B5_fj_fyPpjIZIcjDRFZKRqDAHOZVAavxUQbuwBJuok8dvoF&s=v9ls0kKE5YtJkO2ElSXDavIDOsOvqpheluqeZQotHRO&e=) ).