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Dear Ken:

As founder and Chief Executive Officer and President of ChaseCom, L.P., I am dependent upon a technically savvy workforce, which is educated and ready to operate in an information-age economy. I am enthusiastic about the educational component of the proposed National Science Foundation Science and Technology Center, Center for Grid Application Development Software (CGrADS), which will be headquartered at Rice University. The proposed educational programs will increase students' pursuit of math, science, and technology education and associated careers. This translates directly into an improved environment for business growth, which is near and dear to my heart.

Further, as the son of a former HISD teacher, I know first hand the impact that committed teachers can have when involved and informed parents support their efforts. The parent-technology component you are proposing as part of CGrADS is an important next step in truly maximizing the potential of your team's success with TeacherTECH.

I believe the CGrADS effort will provide an important benefit to our schools, businesses and the communities we serve. In order to fully support your efforts, I have asked the Executive Director of The Telecom Opportunity Institute, a non-profit organization I founded, to contact your team to determine the potential for meaningful and substantial collaboration. Please let me know if I can assist in this regard.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AR Chase', written over a horizontal line.

Anthony R. Chase