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Language Solutions

Prof. Clive R. Clayton, Director, SPIR  
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Dear Prof. Clayton and Prof. Zhao,

I am writing to express our sincere appreciation to you and your staff at the SPIR program for the support you have provided in our recent grant applications. Your assistance was instrumental in our Small Business Innovation Research grant awards from the National Institutes of Health, and played a key role in bringing federal research dollars to New York State. With the funding, we are able to add two new full-time positions to our payroll this year, and plan to add four to six additional full-time employees in the next eighteen months.

The graduate students whom we have recruited through the SPIR program are highly competent, eager to contribute and pleasant to work with. The software they have helped develop will be piloted at several hospitals in New York City later this year, and will eventually be commercialized and lead to improved quality of care for millions of underserved persons in New York and beyond.

In my conversation with grant awardees from other states, it is evident that New York-based companies are at a significant competitive advantage due to assistance from a program such as SPIR. I sincerely hope that SPIR will continue to operate, and express my support to the program in the strongest terms.

Yours truly,



William Tan  
President