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Program Officer
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Dear NSF Program Officer,

I have read the *Computer Science Access and Opportunity Initiative (CSAOI)* proposal from Kelvin Sung for the NSF S-STEM program regarding recruiting and engaging Game-Themed Computer Science (GTCS) scholars in Computer Science discipline.

I am Deena Pierott, Founder and President of the iUrban Teen Tech Program. I am responsible designing and engaging young male youth of color into STEM related careers that includes computer sciences. Some of our students, especially those who do not have access to technologies when they were young, lack confidence and do not understand their potentials in pursuing Computer Science as a major, or their families do not have the financial means to pay for after school programs geared for these careers.

I am excited by the CSAOI proposal and should the proposal be successful, I am committed to working with Professor Sung in:

- Creating outreach opportunities such that Professor Sung and his team can interact with our youth teaching them about programming using casual games;
- Identifying potential GTCS scholars and connecting these students with the project such that the students can begin exploring Computer Science as a major earlier in their academic career.

Regards,

Deena Pierott, Founder
iUrban Teen Tech