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*Innovative Practices
in Adult
Credit Programs*

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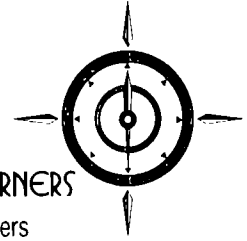
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Mr. Jon Schnur
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Dear Jon:

I am enclosing a complimentary copy of my new book, *Lifelong Learning at Its Best: Innovative Practices in Adult Credit Programs*. The book is an outgrowth of the project, "For a Nation of Lifelong Learners," and it includes a foreword by Morton Bahr. Vice President Gore's summit last January on "21st Century Skills for 21st Century Jobs" is mentioned both in the foreword and the preface.

Thanks again for your help in arranging Vice President Gore's appearance before the November 1997 conference of the Commission for a Nation of Lifelong Learners, and your continuing interest in the field of adult learning.

When we spoke last February, you mentioned the possibility that the Vice President might be willing to autograph a couple of copies of the book. Is that still possible? If so, I would be happy to send along a couple of copies for his signature and a copy for his personal use.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

William H. Maehl
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