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Dear Mr. Larson,

As you know, Ms. Helen Spencer, AmeriCorps Child Vision Project Advisor, is putting together a state-wide program at the University of Washington School of Law, Education, and Public Health on how various vision problems affect school performance. She is also involved in another project with children on the Yakama Reservation that will ensure that they receive appropriate eye and vision care. Helen will also be working with a University of Washington School of Public Health MPH candidate, Ms. Barbara Obena, on how to access special education students on the reservation. This is extremely important because children in special education programs tend to have many undiagnosed and untreated vision problems. (see Taub M, Bartuccio M, Maino D. (Eds) Visual Diagnosis and Care of the Patient with Special Needs. Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins. New York, NY;2012.)

I strongly support Ms. Spencer's many projects and am requesting that Microsoft also support these wonderful programs. Children cannot learn if their vision information processing systems are malfunctioning. Many of these children already have several other hurdles they must overcome to be successful. Let's make sure that learning related vision problems are not added to that list.

If you have any other additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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