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4th District

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Ms. Lynn Layton, Executive Director
Monique Burr Foundation for Children, Inc.
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Dear Ms. Layton:

Teaching children how to actively assist in their own safety can have a powerful impact on them now. Longer term, improving their safety and well-being can contribute to improved educational outcomes, a brighter future, and a more robust state economy. To reach these goals, it is important that students have access to bullying and child abuse prevention tools that are based on research and have been vetted by experts in the field.

On behalf of the Florida Legislature, I would like to congratulate you on the 2014 state appropriation received through the Attorney General's office. The appropriation makes it possible to implement the *MBF Child Safety Matters™* program in even more of Florida's public elementary schools. Financial support from the State of Florida will continue to strengthen the program's impact by:

- Allowing the Monique Burr Foundation to provide the comprehensive, research-based *MBF Child Safety Matters™ curriculum* at no cost to public elementary schools across the State of Florida. (In Duval County Public Schools, *MBF Child Safety Matters™* is now mandatory in grades K – 6.)
- Supporting the State's commitment to provide children with the prevention tools needed to keep them safe from bullying and all forms of child abuse.

The success of *MBF Child Safety Matters™* can already be documented by the fact that the majority of Florida's public school districts have approved this program (55 out of 67 districts).

I would like to thank you and your team for your efforts to help ensure the next generation is safe through the *MBF Child Safety Matters™* program. As you continue your efforts to ensure that this program reaches every elementary-aged student in the State, please be assured that you have our ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Aaron Bean
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