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The Honorable Chris Sprowls
Speaker, Florida House of Representatives
420 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street

Dear Speaker Sprowls,

On behalf of the members who participated in the Council's first quarterly meeting on March 23, 2021, we are writing to express our support of CS/CS/HB 885: *Juvenile Justice Programs and Detention*, sponsored by Representative Rene Plasencia.

This bill seeks to establish accountability and program support within DJJ, require courts to consider specified information before ordering child into custody for failing to appear, requires each judicial circuit to develop a plan in consultation with parties, requires DJJ to calculate annually and provide to each county that is not fiscally constrained and does not provide its own detention care for juveniles its annual percentage share of detention costs, and authorizes DJJ to evaluate viability of alternative model for providing and funding education services for youth in dentition and residential facilities.

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We urge you and your colleagues favorable vote on CS/CS/HB 885. Thank you for your consideration and please let us know how we can work together to facilitate connections that strengthen communities and families in Florida.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Paul Renner
Chair, Rules Committee
Florida House of Representatives
422 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street

Dear Chair Renner,

On behalf of the members who participated in the Council's first quarterly meeting on March 23, 2021, we are writing to express our support of CS/CS/HB 885: *Juvenile Justice Programs and Detention*, sponsored by Representative Rene Plasencia.

This bill seeks to establish accountability and program support within DJJ, require courts to consider specified information before ordering child into custody for failing to appear, requires each judicial circuit to develop a plan in consultation with parties, requires DJJ to calculate annually and provide to each county that is not fiscally constrained and does not provide its own detention care for juveniles its annual percentage share of detention costs, and authorizes DJJ to evaluate viability of alternative model for providing and funding education services for youth in detention and residential facilities.

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The Honorable Wilton Simpson
President, Florida Senate
409 The Capitol
404 South Monroe Street

Dear President Simpson,

On behalf of the members who participated in the Council's first quarterly meeting on March 23, 2021, we are writing to express our unanimous support of CS/SB 1166: *Juvenile Justice Programs and Detention*, sponsored by Senator Jeff Brandes.

This bill seeks to establish accountability and program support within DJJ, require courts to consider specified information before ordering child into custody for failing to appear, requires each judicial circuit to develop a plan in consultation with parties, requires DJJ to calculate annually and provide to each county that is not fiscally constrained and does not provide its own detention care for juveniles its annual percentage share of detention costs, and authorizes DJJ to evaluate viability of alternative model for providing and funding education services for youth in detention and residential facilities.

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We urge you and your colleagues favorable vote on CS/SB 1166. Thank you for your consideration and please let us know how we can work together to facilitate connections that strengthen communities and families in Florida.

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The Honorable Kelli Stargel
Chair, Appropriations Committee
Florida Senate
420 Senate Building
404 South Monroe Street

Dear Chair Stargel,

On behalf of the members who participated in the Council's first quarterly meeting on March 23, 2021, we are writing to express our unanimous support of LFIR 1723: *One More Child – Services for Human Trafficking Prevention and Recovery*, sponsored by Senator Ben Albritton.

This bill seeks funding to expand direct services through One More Child's safe home for statewide female child and teens victimized through sex trafficking. The bill also expands anti sex-trafficking mobile teams' services to children and young adults up to age 24 (male and female) in 12 counties (Polk, Orange, Seminole, Lake, Osceola, Sumter, Brevard, Charlotte, Lee, Hendry, Glades and Collier counties). Additionally, the bill seeks to expand the ability to provide prevention and education services to school districts and local schools.

This approach increases the state's capacity to provide anti sex-trafficking education , intervention, prevention and direct care at the local level to improve the health, safety and well-being of those being served.

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We urge your and the committee's favorable vote on LFIR 1723. Thank you for your consideration and please let us know how we can work together to facilitate connections that strengthen communities and families in Florida.

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The Honorable Jay Trumbull
Chair, Appropriations Committee
Florida House of Representatives
418 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street

Dear Chair Trumbull,

On behalf of the members who participated in the Council's first quarterly meeting on March 23, 2021, we are writing to express our support of HB 2251: *One More Child – Services for Human Trafficking Prevention and Recovery*, sponsored by Representative Colleen Burton.

This bill seeks funding to expand direct services through One More Child's safe home for statewide female child and teens victimized through sex trafficking. The bill also expands anti sex-trafficking mobile teams' services to children and young adults up to age 24 (male and female) in 12 counties (Polk, Orange, Seminole, Lake, Osceola, Sumter, Brevard, Charlotte, Lee, Hendry, Glades and Collier counties). Additionally, the bill seeks to expand the ability to provide prevention and education services to school districts and local schools.

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We urge your and the committee's favorable vote on HB 2251. Thank you for your consideration and please let us know how we can work together to facilitate connections that strengthen communities and families in Florida.

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Chair, Appropriations Committee
Florida Senate
420 Senate Building
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Dear Chair Stargel,

On behalf of the members who participated in the Council's first quarterly meeting on March 23, 2021, we are writing to express our unanimous support of LFIR 1722: *One More Child – Hope Street Diversion Program*, sponsored by Senator Ben Albritton.

This bill seeks funding for the expansion of the Diversion program will increase capacity for participants as well as provide a community hub to increase preventive services for at-risk youth and to mitigate negative impacts to the family unit such as parenting classes, parent cafes, family counseling, tutoring, opportunities for vocational /job skills, as well as positive family events and out of school activities.

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Dear Chair Trumbull,

On behalf of the members who participated in the Council's first quarterly meeting on March 23, 2021, we are writing to express our support of HB 3057: *One More Child – Hope Street Diversion Program*, sponsored by Representative Traci Koster.

This bill seeks funding for the expansion of the Diversion program will increase capacity for participants as well as provide a community hub to increase preventive services for at-risk youth and to mitigate negative impacts to the family unit such as parenting classes, parent cafes, family counseling, tutoring, opportunities for vocational /job skills, as well as positive family events and out of school activities.

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We urge your and the committee's favorable vote on HB 3057. Thank you for your consideration and please let us know how we can work together to facilitate connections that strengthen communities and families in Florida.

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On behalf of the members who participated in the Council's first quarterly meeting on March 23, 2021, we are writing to express our unanimous support of LFIR 1721: *One More Child* – *Single Moms* Program, sponsored by Senator Ben Albritton.

This bill seeks funding to expand and increase residential and non-residential capacity for a prevention centric program that is designed to keep families together to avoid entrance into the foster care system and therefore avoid the trauma of family separation and negative economic impacts to the state. The prevention program, to include community education, utilizes a protective factors approach and trauma informed practices promotes healthy family functioning and economic self-sufficiency. It also affords the ability for families to break inter-generational cycles of poverty and violence.

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The Honorable Jay Trumbull
Chair, Appropriations Committee
Florida House of Representatives
418 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street

Dear Chair Trumbull,

On behalf of the members who participated in the Council's first quarterly meeting on March 23, 2021, we are writing to express our unanimous support of HB 3355: *One More Child* – *Single Moms* Program, sponsored by Representative Josie Tomkow.

This bill seeks funding to expand and increase residential and non-residential capacity for a prevention centric program that is designed to keep families together to avoid entrance into the foster care system and therefore avoid the trauma of family separation and negative economic impacts to the state. The prevention program, to include community education, utilizes a protective factors approach and trauma informed practices promotes healthy family functioning and economic self-sufficiency. It also affords the ability for families to break inter-generational cycles of poverty and violence.

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We urge your and the committee's favorable vote on HB 3355. Thank you for your consideration and please let us know how we can work together to facilitate connections that strengthen communities and families in Florida.

Sincerely,

Mr. Calvin Martin, Vice- Chair
FBCB Advisory Council

Pam Olsen, Legislative Workgroup Chair
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The Honorable Kelli Stargel
Chair, Appropriations Committee
Florida Senate
420 Senate Building
404 South Monroe Street

Dear Chair Stargel,

On behalf of the members who participated in the Council's first quarterly meeting on March 23, 2021, we are writing to express our support of LFIR 1002: *Victory For Youth Share Your Heart Program*, sponsored by Senator Manny Diaz.

This funding request seeks to expand community-based services for vulnerable individuals, children, and families identified in crisis or distress by responding to referrals from these entities, the program utilizes trained volunteer chaplains to provide food, clothing, emotional and spiritual support, and connections to other services to promote stability and prevent entry into the state's child welfare system.

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We urge your and the committee's favorable vote on LFIR 1002. Thank you for your consideration and please let us know how we can work together to facilitate connections that strengthen communities and families in Florida.

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The Honorable Jay Trumbull
Chair, Appropriations Committee
Florida House of Representatives
418 The Capitol
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Dear Chair Trumbull,

On behalf of the members who participated in the Council's first quarterly meeting on March 23, 2021, we are writing to express our support of HB 2055: *Victory For Youth Share Your Heart Program*, sponsored by Representative Alex Rizo.

This funding request seeks to expand community-based services for vulnerable individuals, children, and families identified in crisis or distress by responding to referrals from these entities, the program utilizes trained volunteer chaplains to provide food, clothing, emotional and spiritual support, and connections to other services to promote stability and prevent entry into the state's child welfare system.

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We urge your and the committee's favorable vote on HB 2055. Thank you for your consideration and please let us know how we can work together to facilitate connections that strengthen communities and families in Florida.

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The Honorable Doug Broxson
Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education
Florida Senate
418 Senate Building
404 South Monroe Street

Dear Chair Broxson,

On behalf of the members who participated in the Council's first quarterly meeting on March 23, 2021, we are writing to express our unanimous support of LFIR 1163: *YMCA of Central FL – After School Programs & Osceola YMCA Learning Center*, sponsored by Senator Jason Brodeur.

This bill seeks funding to provide five After School Programs in Osceola County (Denn John, Horizon, Neptune, St. Cloud, Westside K8). Students are provided a safe space after the last bell to receive additional academic support while participating in Performing/Fine Arts, Team Sports, STEM, Service Learning, Civics/Government and more. Funding will also allow for 2 Summer Camp locations in Osceola. Our Osceola YMCA Learning Center will provide a high-quality, affordable early education program. The programs will help students grow academically, developmentally, and physically. An expansion to the playground would allow us to increase our services from 58 to 195 children. This will allow opportunities for low-income families to access quality programming.

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We urge your and the committee's favorable vote on LFIR 1163. Thank you for your consideration and please let us know how we can work together to facilitate connections that strengthen communities and families in Florida.

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Dear Chair Trumbull,

On behalf of the members who participated in the Council's first quarterly meeting on March 23, 2021, we are writing to express our support of HB 2899: *YMCA of Central FL – After School Programs & Osceola YMCA Learning Center*, sponsored by Representative David Smith.

This bill seeks funding to provide five After School Programs in Osceola County (Denn John, Horizon, Neptune, St. Cloud, Westside K8). Students are provided a safe space after the last bell to receive additional academic support while participating in Performing/Fine Arts, Team Sports, STEM, Service Learning, Civics/Government and more. Funding will also allow for 2 Summer Camp locations in Osceola. Our Osceola YMCA Learning Center will provide a high-quality, affordable early education program. The programs will help students grow academically, developmentally, and physically. An expansion to the playground would allow us to increase our services from 58 to 195 children. This will allow opportunities for low-income families to access quality programming.

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We urge your and the committee's favorable vote on HB 2899. Thank you for your consideration and please let us know how we can work together to facilitate connections that strengthen communities and families in Florida.

Sincerely,

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