The Honorable _____,

My name is _____ and I am a constituent in your area and a school counselor at the (elementary, middle or high) school level. (Include if you have children attending school in this area.)

Given your position of leadership in the state of Florida I am reaching out to you to support my work as a certified school counselor in our schools. I offer my support to the Governor's call for safe schools and as frontline interventionist, play an essential role in addressing mental health and student safety.

- I am a trained master's level, certified school counselor, who recognizes students' mental health needs, delivers preventative curriculum to all students, and works collaboratively with mental health agencies in our communities.
- As a certified preK-12 school counselor, I am trained to deliver research-based programs to all students in a school in order to develop healthy psychosocial behaviors and skills, such as conflict resolution, positive peer interactions, and to cultivate a positive school culture based on respect.
- Recognizing that mental health needs can create a barrier to learning and disrupt the learning environment, my support and services for our children would be strengthened by having more time in my day to work directly delivering preventive programs and services.
- My current caseload is:_____ students

I am asking you to please support any proposed legislation to place school counselors in every school with at least 80% of the school counselors' time devoted to delivering preventative programs and services directly to students and families. I am committed to meeting the needs of all of my students and need to be a part of the solution moving forward.

Thank you for your service and for your support of school counselors.

Sincerely,

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