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21st District

October 2, 2003

Mr. Jack Cory
Public Affairs Consultants
110 East College Avenue
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Dear Jack:

I would like to thank you and your associate, Tracy Hogan, for setting up another Grass Roots Tour in my district next Monday.

The numerous visits you, Kenya, and Tracy have made to my district during the campaign proved to be extremely effective. Ed Taylor, FALA's Vice President, did a great job explaining the important assisted living facilities (ALF) issues to me throughout the tours. Additionally, I appreciated the expert knowledge provided by Paul Williams, FALA's Executive Director.

The coordinated Grass Roots program you have designed for FALA with the facility tours, the voter registration drives, and the absentee ballot program is by far the best of any health care association I have dealt with in Florida. This unique design provided introduction, education and follow through that led to a successful outcome in my election and awareness of ALFs.

Because of the years you have spent representing the assisted living facilities, I and many of my colleagues in the Florida Senate now look to you when we have a question dealing with ALFs. As a businessman I have always found that this type of consistent representation is very important in the Florida Legislature to have a successful legislative program.

The state will have another tight budget year ahead and we will need to call on you and your experience to be sure ALFs remain fully funded, in the same manner they were this year. House committees have already begun meeting this month and reviewing agency and department proposed budgets. Senate committee meetings will begin next month. As always, I look forward to working with you on all of FALA's long-term care issues.

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Please thank everyone at FALA for their help and let them know we look forward to working with you and their team in the upcoming legislative session. Dee and I anticipate seeing you, Kenya, and Tracy next week and again, thank you for all you have done and continue to do.

Best personal regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mike Bennett', written in a cursive style.

Michael S. "Mike" Bennett