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Mr. Owen Freese, Executive Director Iowa Pupil Transportation Association P.O. Box 200 Holstein, IA 51025

Dear Mr. Freese,

Thank you for the Iowa Pupil Transportation Association's generous support for the Nov. 4 Governor's Bullying Prevention Summit at Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines. You helped make the event a success. Nearly 1,100 Iowans attended the summit, about half of them students from across the state.

We appreciate your commitment to better addressing the problem of bullying. Changing the culture in schools and doing more to involve parents are important steps. We also are exploring how to strengthen state law so school officials are confident they have the authority to respond to cyber-bullying that occurs away from school but disrupts the ability of a student to learn.

Again, we are grateful for your support for finding better ways to reduce and respond to bullying. We appreciate your leadership, and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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