**SAMPLE DRAFT**

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The Honorable Travis Hutson

Florida State Senator

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Dear Sen. Hutson:

I am a member of The Business Law Section of The Florida Bar (“BLS”). I am writing to express my full support for *Dorothy L. Hukill Financial Literacy Act* - SB 1054 (the “Act”). Enacting this legislation will instill basic economic concepts and money management tools to high school students, all of which are critical to their future economic well-being and future financial success. In doing so, the Act will provide skills and knowledge to our kids at an early age to be financially responsible members of our communities. They will learn to better understand bank statements, balance a checkbook, manage a budget, save for retirement, assess, or build good credit, avoid accruing unsustainable debt, and plan for their economic future. Simply stated, the Act will create a more stable economy in Florida by having properly informed, savvy, and educated consumers. The implementation of this legislation will certainly have a cumulative societal effect in creating financially responsible citizens and helping to prevent economic failures which currently riddle our State, like car repossessions, foreclosures, defaults on debt generally, and bankruptcy filings, as well as potentially decreasing homelessness and poverty.

Currently, only a few states require a course on financial literacy for high school students. In 2022, we hope that Florida will be a part of the movement towards financial literacy for its younger citizens, promoting economic stability, and fiscal responsibility. You have the ability and power to enact this important requirement that could change the lives of many future generations and positively impact our state’s economy and communities.

Please make financial literacy a priority in Florida this year and support The Dorothy L. Hukill Financial Literacy Act.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important legislation as well as for your service to our State.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this legislation further. Count on the BLS and myself in making financial literacy a priority in Florida.

Respectfully,

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