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Rep. Dorothy L. Hukill
200 House Office Building
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Senator Andy Gardiner
308 Senate Office Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Representative Hukill, and Senator Gardiner,

As Chairperson of the Family Care Council Florida (FCCF), I am pleased to offer our support of HB 81. In 1993, the Florida State legislature (FS 393.502) established a Family Care Council in each area/region of the state with specific charges including; a) assist in providing information, education, and outreach to families; b) review and make recommendations as to the effectiveness of the delivery of supports and services; c) advise area/region administrators with respect to community and family needs; and, d) meet and share information with other Family Care Councils.

Area FCC's meet bi-monthly to share education, information and concerns through the Family Care Council Florida (FCCF). At the September 19, 2009 meeting of the FCCF, Sylvia Smith of the Advocacy Center reviewed the bill with us and answered questions from FCC members. FCCF members voted unanimously to support HB 81.

We appreciate and commend you for addressing the practice of abusive restraint and seclusion use in our schools. All of our children need to be treated with the dignity and respect they deserve.

If we can be of any further assist, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

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cc: Sylvia Smith, Advocacy Center

The mission of the Family Care Council Florida is to advocate, educate, and empower individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, partnering with the Agency, to bring quality services to individuals for dignity and choice.