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The Honorable Jeremy Ring

The Florida Senate

405 Senate Office Building

404 South Monroe Street

Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Re: SB 1194 Citizen Support and Direct-support Organizations

Dear Senator Ring,

We are writing to express our support for SB 1194, requiring each citizen and direct-support organization to annually report information critical to the organization's administration and mission. We applaud your attention to this important issue, Senator Ring; your legislation will aid in government transparency and the public's right to oversee its government.

We believe SB 1194 to be an important statement of public policy, reinforcing Florida's reputation as the Sunshine State. We greatly appreciate your efforts on behalf of all Floridians, Senator. If we can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Petersen, President

cc: The Honorable Don Gaetz, President, The Florida Senate
Jon Kaney, General Counsel, First Amendment Foundation
Sam Morley, General Counsel, Florida Press Association