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To: Margaret Hooper
Subject: Rick Scott Response to FDDC Question

Ms. Hooper,

Attached please find Rick Scott's response to the question that you sent the campaign regarding what Mr. Scott sees as the most important issue facing Floridians with developmental disabilities and their families.

Thank you,
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As we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disability Act, we can also celebrate tremendous progress for Floridians with Disabilities and their families. The work required to meet the needs of our developmentally disabled citizens is far from complete. Often meeting the requirements of the ADA is a about legal compliance and does nothing to meet the spirit of the ADA. When planning for the needs of our developmentally disabled citizens, we must consider three distinct but separate areas of need; adults living with developmental disabilities, children growing up with developmental disabilities, and healthcare needs. Our approach to supporting Floridians with Developmental Disabilities and their families includes the following;

- Support of the ADA and the need to expand community engagement opportunities for Floridians with developmental disabilities
- Support of programmatic reform targeted at raising awareness to needs, challenges, and capabilities of our developmentally disabled
- Linking current expenditures to accountability based budgeting initiatives
- Outcome based measurement systems which help educators and community living/support providers understand and justify working initiatives while transitioning citizens from non working initiatives
- Support of high yield learning systems targeted at focus on individual learning styles
- Assistance in creating mentoring programs connected to corporate giving programs