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SENATOR JOHN LEGG

17th District

August 29, 2014

Dear Dr. Wayne Blanton:

Thank you for the recent honor of being selected the Florida School Board Association's 2014 Legislator of the Year. However, in light of the FSBA's recent litigation opposing the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship, I must respectfully decline the award. It is now apparent to me that the Association's stance on educating low income students and access to choice in education is too conflicting with my own. It saddens me that the FSBA would take a position that looks to eliminate customization in education, an approach which is widely viewed to be essential to improving student learning.

It is my sincere hope that the FSBA will abandon this hostile view toward low income students and customization. While in the past, we may not have agreed on every issue, we nevertheless maintained a healthy respect while working to resolve our differences for the betterment of all students. I hope the FSBA will redirect its efforts for the advancement of all our students and I look forward to working with you to that end.

Please know having grown up in a very low income household, my position will always be to advocate for access, quality, and customization for all students, but especially for those who don't have the resources to access a quality education.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Legg".

John Legg

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