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Mr. Pete Thomas
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

On behalf of the Florida Department of Children and Families I would like to thank you for serving as our keynote speaker for the 2011 "Pathway to Independence" Summit on September 9, 2011. We had a conference of over 2,000 child welfare advocates, and your message resonated with the entire audience.

We appreciate your willingness to be open about your personal experience in foster care. Your presentation was insightful, engaging and most of all—inspirational. It is clear that you understand the challenges faced by child welfare workers and we appreciate you commending their hard work and sacrifice. I believe everyone in the audience was moved by your message of encouragement and hope.

As you know, serving as a child welfare worker can be a "thankless" job, yet your presentation reminded all of us how great the reward can be. You gave a personal "thank you," and for that, I thank you. You have a very positive message for child welfare advocates everywhere, and I highly recommend you as a motivational speaker!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David E. Wilkins'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light background.

David E. Wilkins
Secretary

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