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Eric J. Holcomb
Governor

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Randy Davis
A Better Life – Brianna’s Hope
115 E. Water St.
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Dear Randy,

I am writing to express my appreciation for the work of A Better Life – Brianna’s Hope.

As you know, Governor Holcomb has made attacking the drug crisis one of his top priorities, and he has called for an “all hands on deck” response. While the State certainly has a role to play, much of the work that needs to be done to help prevent substance abuse and to help people in recovery maintain recovery can best be done at a local level. By establishing more than 30 chapters of ABLBH in communities across Indiana, you are making a major contribution to that effort.

I’m aware that ABLBH has connected hundreds of people with treatment for substance use disorders. ABLBH chapters also provide ongoing support for people in recovery, which is incredibly important for individuals with a chronic, relapsing disease such as opioid use disorder. Without such support, many are unable to sustain the recovery necessary for them to become or return to being productive, contributing members of their communities.

In addition, through your presentations to several thousand young people in our schools, you are helping to prevent others from developing substance use disorders.

I frequently quote a member of one ABLBH chapter who nearly two years ago said to me, “What we are trying to do is create a safe, supportive, caring community for people who are struggling with addiction.” That’s a great mission statement for any organization looking for a way to help end a crisis that has been destroying lives, devastating families, and damaging communities all over this and many other states.

Thank you for the work you and your colleagues are doing. You are truly making a positive difference in the lives of many.

With great appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim McClelland".

Jim McClelland
Executive Director for Drug Prevention, Treatment, and Enforcement
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