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Mr. Leslie Feldman
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Dear Mr. Feldman:

I am writing to express my support for the work that your organization, Stand Strong USA is undertaking to develop a national voice on anti-bullying, teen depression, and suicide prevention. I highly value your efforts to stop bullying and other forms of intimidation and aggression in our communities.

As a former Florida certified teacher, I realize the importance and impact of bullying in our schools. For this reason, I joined my colleagues to create the bipartisan Congressional Anti-Bullying Caucus to help develop policies to protect all individuals who are victims of any form of harassment and encourage victims to come forward. Bullying has become a damaging reality for many children and teens today, and the scars are deep and can last a lifetime. I commend the work that Stand Strong USA is doing to combat this epidemic, not only within our State of Florida, but throughout our nation. I was particularly eager to learn about the launch of live empowering speeches that will begin with the inspiring story of Mr. Nick Vujicic. Through his catalyst role, and by sharing his own journey and challenges, Nick has dedicated his life's work to delivering a powerful message that is critical to bringing awareness and preventing bullying behavior in our schools.

Once again, thank you for taking a firm stand against bullying. I know that through your continued commitment and work we can further engage youth, parents, schools, and communities to address and deter bullying.

Sincerely,

Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
Member of Congress