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Greatest Greetings, [Senator's/Representative's Name]

My name is [first and last name]. I reside at [address] in [city, county] County, Florida. As you know or will soon come to know, a vibrant and precious life was taken in Orlando, FL in September 2021. The abrupt disappearance and murder of 19-year-old Miya Marcano has been etched in the sands of time, and it now is our duty to ensure that no other family will endure the horrendous and devastating tragedy that Miya's family is left to bear. The unsettling void and pain that this family is facing is one that was 100% preventable!

On Friday, September 24, 2021, the maintenance man at the Florida apartment complex where Miya both worked and lived abused his unfettered privilege by using his master key to enter Miya's apartment approximately 30 minutes prior to the end of her work shift. Subsequently, he kidnapped and murdered her. Despite unyielding faith and unceasing communal search efforts, Miya's body was found eight days later.

A few days after the discovery of Miya's body, her family selflessly began strategizing and organizing to prevent another family from having to experience what they are experiencing. Their efforts would later form the building blocks for the foundation they launched in her memory: Miya Marcano Foundation. The Miya Marcano Foundation's mission is to support, educate and provide resources to families of missing persons while advocating for the protection of students and our most vulnerable population.

Another essential aspect in their efforts to ensure the protection of other families is the passage of Miya's Law – a proposed bi-partisan legislation in the State of Florida (HB 577/SB 898) that endeavors to ensure an elevated expectancy of residential security and personal safety on residential properties in the State of Florida. In this light, stricter governance such as the implementation of higher levels of background checks and limitations on the use of master keys will ensure protection of all tenants and aid in strengthening the relationships between landlords and tenants.

The enforcement of Miya's Law will increase the safety and protection of our most vulnerable population, to include students, children, single mothers, senior citizens, tenant-victims, and over 2.8 million Florida residents residing in single- or multi-unit residential properties. Residential security and personal safety are undoubtedly among the very first lines of defense in the protection of tenants residing in residential communities, and a solid baseline must be established and upheld to safeguard tenants. Safety and security are basic human rights (rights to life) and should be regarded as such.

Miya's Law will help ensure the protection and wellbeing of our most vulnerable population – further reassuring tenant safety and security within residential communities. Because of Miya's Law, lives will be saved.

I support Miya's Law because **[state your reason here]**. I ask for full advocacy and public aid in ensuring the passing of Miya's Law. Miya passionately expressed to her mother, Yma Scarbriel, that she would change the world! Please help us engrave Miya's world-changing footprints indefinitely by supporting the passing of Miya's Law (HB 577/SB 898), which will increase the protection and safety of over 2.8 million Florida residents!

Thank you for your time and consideration. We hope that you, too, will join in arms and become an active and vital “wing” as a Friend of Miya!

Miya's Friend,
[Your Name]

