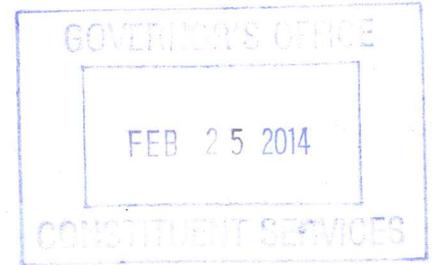


February 21, 2014

The Honorable Deval Patrick
Governor of Massachusetts
Massachusetts State House
Office of the Governor
Boston, MA 02133



Dear Governor Patrick,

You have been a tireless advocate for the people of the Commonwealth, a strong supporter of the vibrant nonprofit sector in Massachusetts, and a critical voice in the creation of the nation's first Nonprofit Awareness Day. We hope to recognize you for this leadership, as the Public Official of the Year, at the sixth annual Nonprofit Awareness Day on Monday, June 9, 2014 in the State House Great Hall.

On Nonprofit Awareness Day more than 250 nonprofit and business leaders, as well as a number of senior members of the executive and legislative branches, will celebrate the vital work of the state's nonprofit sector. Nonprofit Awareness Day also includes recognition of the outstanding work done by nonprofits across the state through the presentation of the Nonprofit Excellence Awards.

The event program runs from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm, followed by a luncheon. We would be honored to have you address the attendees, meet the award recipients, and, if your schedule allows, join us for a brief lunch. We hope to confirm your availability as soon as possible so that we can promote your participation to our members, and we will follow up with your office next week to answer any questions and confirm your participation.

The Massachusetts nonprofit sector is grateful for your commitment to supporting and strengthening nonprofits across the Commonwealth, including the more than 600 organizations that make up the Massachusetts Nonprofit Network. Thank you for your ongoing support of the critical work of the nonprofit sector in Massachusetts.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Jakious".

Rick Jakious
CEO, Massachusetts Nonprofit Network

Thank you for your support!

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