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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Release of Florida Policy Options to Accelerate Latino Student Success in Higher Education

As a State Representative in the Florida House of Representatives and someone who is passionate about education, I would like to share my support for the recommendations provided in *Excelencia* in Education's new report "Florida Policy Options to Accelerate Latino Student Success in Higher Education".

"Florida Policy Options" calls for specific steps to ensure that Latinos and other students from underrepresented populations of our state be given the information and economic support they need to get on a college track early, graduate, and enter the 21st Century work force. The report's recommendations are centered around three important and attainable goals:

1. Ensure that all students and parents understand the long-term benefits of a college degree and the early steps necessary to prepare a child for college.
2. Make college affordable for all Florida Students through the right mix of public and private scholarships, loans, and other incentives.
3. Increase the number of Floridians—especially those from underrepresented groups—who have posted a secondary degree.

If educators and policymakers come together around these goals, we can be confident that Florida will have higher graduation rates and the work force we'll need to keep our state competitive.

I respectfully request that you consider the report authored by *Excelencia* in Education that offers policy recommendations to improve graduation rates and educational attainment of Florida's future workforce.

Thank you for your consideration. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anitere Flores".

Anitere Flores
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Deputy Majority Leader

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