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Dear Mr. Farace:

It was a pleasure meeting with you, your wife and your treasurer, John Daciolas. I was impressed by your enthusiasm for getting Dads involved with their children in their schools and your sincere desire to expand this effort statewide.

Governor Wilson has long recognized the important role fathers play in raising their children. In announcing his first ever Focus on Father's Summit, he stated in January of 1995, "Today, our nation faces a crises of absent fathers...and the children [of these families] are far more likely than their peers to grow up in poverty, drop out of school, and spend time in jail. We can't ignore this crises." He further stated, "If we want our children to learn the values that will allow them to reverse the trend of absent fathers when they grow up, we've got to first encourage and permit mothers and fathers to be involved in their children's lives, both at home and in school."

Your efforts to get fathers involved in their children's lives and in their education is to be commended. It is these types of grass roots efforts that will make a difference in reversing the tide of fatherless homes and in improving children's lives.

I wish you well as you pursue your dream of getting dads more involved in their children's lives throughout California and around the nation.

Cordially,

Marian Bergeson
Secretary
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