***DRAFT LETTER OF INTRODUCTION FOR CHAPTERS***

***(Letters placed on chapter letterhead)***

DATE

THE HONORABLE [Legislator’s Name]

TITLE

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Dear [Legislator’s Full Name]

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is [Basileus or Designee], and I am a member of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated. Established in 1923, we have a rich history of dedication to educational excellence, youth, and community service, and we feel it is imperative to address urgent issues that directly impact the future of public education in [chapter’s state].

Our members, who are current and retired teachers, administrators, school nurses, college professors, and other certificated school personnel, are deeply concerned about the challenges currently facing public education, particularly in light of [specific concerns relevant to chapter’s state such as funding cuts, teacher shortages, inequities, and curriculum changes.]

As a law maker, you are in a unique position to influence policies that can either help or hinder the future of education in our state. Therefore, we urge you to prioritize policies and initiatives that:

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1. ***Invest in Teacher Support and Retention*.** A supportive work environment, competitive salaries and professional development are needed to continue to teach, nurture and inspire our youth.
2. ***Ensure Equitable Funding for Public Schools.*** We call for an equitable distribution of resources to address disparities in funding that disproportionately affect underserved communities.
3. ***Foster Inclusive and Culturally Responsive Curriculum.*** The rich cultural heritage of our students should be reflected in a well-rounded curriculum, preparing them for a global society.
4. ***Support STEAM and Career Pathway Programs***. We must encourage careers in science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM) along with vocational training and skills.

NSPDK, Inc. stands ready to collaborate with you and other stakeholders to advocate for policies that will strengthen public education and ensure that all students have the tools they need to succeed. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to the opportunity to work together to shape a bright future for public education in our state.

Respectfully submitted,

[Basileus or Designee Name]

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