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Center for Family Life Education
196 Speedwell Avenue
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Dear Friends:

Thank you for inviting me to the 2010 Center for Family Life Education (CFLE) Sex Ed Conference. I want to extend my congratulations to CFLE on its 30th anniversary.

The work done by CFLE and its members has ensured that students in Northern New Jersey are better able to understand their sexuality. I want to applaud this conference for allowing professionals to join together to engage in broader discourse on sex education.

As your United States Senator, I have been a strong advocate in Washington for effective sex education programs. For the past several Congresses, I have introduced a bill on comprehensive sex education, the Responsible Education About Life (REAL) Act, which helped shape the evidence-based sex education program in the health reform law. In September, I introduced legislation that would divert \$250 million in federal funding for abstinence-only-until-marriage education programs to programs that educate adolescents on both abstinence and contraception for prevention of teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. Young adults need access to all the information available to make smart decisions about their health. Our nation's youth should be able to get the honest, medically accurate education they need to take on the real life situations facing them every day.

Again, I thank you for your commitment to educating young people about sexuality. Please be assured that I will continue to champion this issue in Washington and will fight for increased resources for comprehensive sex education programs while in the Senate. I wish you a successful conference.

Sincerely,



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