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The Honorable Dorothy L. Hukill
Florida Senate
404 South Monroe Street
406 Senate Office Building
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**RE: Support SB 1056, Computer Science Instruction
When the 2018 Florida Chamber Business Agenda Wins, Florida Wins**

Dear Senator Hukill:

The Florida Chamber of Commerce urges you to **support DE amendment #233566 to SB 1056**. This bill, which is sponsored by Senator Kathleen Passidomo, will be heard Tuesday, January 16th, in the Senate Education Committee.

The Florida Chamber supports legislation that allows Florida to continue to attract high wage jobs and keep high-skilled talent in our state. Providing opportunities for STEM involvement at earlier levels of learning will give Florida's students the best chance at being competitive. The Florida Chamber believes greater STEM opportunities and initiatives will help to position Florida as a leader in high-tech, high-wage job creation. This legislation is important to Florida's business community because this bill:

- Promotes opportunities for public middle and high school students to learn computer science taught by qualified teachers.

The Florida Chamber urges you to **support DE amendment #233566 to SB 1056**, and will consider votes on this legislation, and any substantive amendments to it in committee or on the floor, in our annual *How They Voted* report card. The grade that you earn will be based on your voting record on the issues. We will make every effort to notify you prior to a vote that may be included in our annual legislative report card. If you have any questions about this or other issues, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank C. Walker III".

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