



Florida House of Representatives

Representative Mia L. Jones

District 14

Dear Community Leader:

Did you know that nearly 1 in 3 teens this year will be a victim of dating abuse? Often times, the warning signs are so subtle that teens don't recognize that their relationship may be toxic, controlling or dangerous. In an effort to prevent this problem, I am hosting a teen dating violence summit on Saturday, **May 12, 2012 from 10 am-4 pm** at **Florida Community College at Jacksonville Downtown Campus Auditorium, 101 W. State St. Jacksonville, FL 32202.**

7th- 12th grade students are invited to attend this important event, where our mission will be to empower youth with the tools that they need to prevent dating violence, and safely exit a relationship should they experience abuse. **Teen Dating Violence Summit: Empower Yourself.**

I believe that teens today are not receiving enough messages about what a healthy dating relationships look like, and in some cases, that can lead to an unhealthy and dangerous relationship. Teens are especially susceptible to dating violence, because they are inexperienced at dating relationships. As such, they may be pressured by peers to act violently, seek to be independent from their parents, and subscribe to their own romantic views of love.

A series of workshops will be made available to students that address the following topics: What is Teen Dating Abuse, Patterns of Abuse, Digital Abuse, Mis-education of Hip Hop in Teen Dating, and Ending Teen Dating Abuse. Students will also hear testimonials and participate in a Q/A session. Lunch will be provided.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mia L. Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a star above the letter 'i' in "Mia".

Mia L. Jones

State Representative, District 14

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Student Questionnaire

Please fill out for each student and return questionnaire by **May 4, 2012** to
bobbi.warford@myfloridahouse.gov

Demographic Information

Male _____

Female _____

Grade Level

7th _____

8th _____

9th _____

10th _____

11th _____

12th _____

Shirt Size?

S _____

M _____

L _____

XL _____

Pizza Preference

Cheese _____

Veggie _____

Pepperoni _____

For further information, please contact:

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Parent Consent Form

I _____ (Print Name), consent for my child

_____ (Print Name) to participate in the Teen Dating Violence Summit

hosted by Rep. Mia Jones. I understand that the *Love is Not Abuse* curriculum obtained from

www.loveisnotabuse.com will be presented at this event.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____