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To Whom It May Concern:

Last year, our longstanding board member, Jay Kaufman, asked us to partner with him as the International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life at Brandeis University developed a plan to launch ENACT (Educational Network for Active Civic Transformation), building on the University’s "Advocacy for Policy Change" course. The course, focused on training today’s university students to be informed and responsible citizens, had, for many years, given students a chance to learn and advance advocacy skills by having them work with Massachusetts legislators and advocates to advance bills under consideration in the State House. Representative Kaufman asked us to identify individual legislators in states across the county who might have the skills and desire to work with students in their states towards a similar end so that the successful course in Massachusetts might encourage and launch similar successes across the country. Happily, we were able to identify legislators in each of the states represented in the first ENACT program hosted by Brandeis in the summer of 2016.

ENACT offers the promise of inspiring and supporting students across the nation to become engaged citizens, even as they inform and empower their own legislators. NCSL is the nation’s premier organization for state legislators and their staffs, bringing legislators and legislative staff together for mutual learning and a sharing of best practices, even while serving to advocate for state legislatures in the relationship between state capitals and the nation’s capital in Washington, DC. The strength and success of both NCSL and ENACT can and should be measured in terms of the efficacy and empowerment of tomorrow’s citizens and leaders, and we are prepared and look forward to continuing the partnership with ENACT to that end.

Please let us know how we may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

William T. Pound
Executive Director