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Dear Parents, Guardians and Stakeholders:

Earlier this week we had the pleasure of welcoming Congressman Joseph Kennedy III to our weekly stakeholder ZOOM meeting. His career of service and advocacy for those seeking a better life is worthy of recognition and is consistent with Amego's mission. His words were comforting and his engagement with our direct support workforce, their OPEIU Local 6 leadership, and state-elected officials illustrated a strong understanding of the needs of the front-line workforce as well as the people we support.

We continue to live through difficult times on many fronts, but this week we have some positives to embrace. We end this week on Juneteenth, the unofficial holiday celebrating the emancipation of slaves throughout the Confederacy. As we are advocating for justice and equality, today is a day to reflect on the rights of all. We stand by our staff. We recognize the barriers and injustice they face in their lives and remain committed to supporting them. In alignment with our mission, we are committed to the individuals we serve ***as well as our staff*** at home, school, work and as members of their families and communities.

The passage of DACA this week gives our staff a sense of security. In recent years, we have listened and worked with our staff and their concerns of this act being lifted- the impact it would have on their lives and the lives of their children. The Supreme Court's decision to uphold The Dreamer's Act brings relief and promise for better days ahead. We remain grateful to our staff and their recent heroic efforts.

Our residences are Covid-free for the time being thanks to the amazing direct support professional workforce we have, and the support of our families and stakeholders. ***Together*** we are managing this crisis. We will hold onto the progress we've made and will grow from this progress in the days to come. We have a long road ahead, but ***together***, we will get through this stronger than before. Please continue to recognize the work our staff have done and will do. [You can do so by visiting our website and submitting a "Shout Out"](#).

Thank you,

President and Chief Executive Officer