



## Florida Prosperity Partnership

*"Elevating Financial Capability for All"*

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To Whom It May Concern

On behalf of the Florida Prosperity Partnership Board of Directors, FPP's more than 2500 coalition members and partners, and the FPP coalition support staff, this note expresses our deepest gratitude for the continued and elevated support provided by premier partners, CenterState Bank over the past three years.

The hallmark of a world-class partner to a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization such as FPP, one that relies heavily upon collaboration to serve its coalition constituency, is multi-faceted partnership! CenterState is the model for how partners may immerse themselves as true stakeholders in serving those who serve low- to moderate-income individuals, households and communities across Florida and beyond!

CenterState's influence on those who serve communities goes well beyond the generous funding support provided for several key high-impact initiatives, from the annual FPP Conference to the *Bright Minds, Fresh Ideas Think Tank* summer internship program, and more! Your team members have served as Guest Experts to dozens of student interns for the last two summers, sharing with the rising generation insights that have helped them become even better prepared for their career and money management lives. Your team members have served as assessors on the live panel that has observed and offered targeted feedback to those same interns at the End-of-Summer Symposium that has culminated their summer of in-depth research and professional development. Their words of guidance and encouragement became a mission-critical component of the growth experience for these rising juniors and seniors. Your team has also engaged in thoughtful interactions with many of their community leader peers at FPP Regional Roundtables in several regions and cities across Florida each autumn.

Further, the FPP Board of Directors benefits from a role model for engagement in Melissa Slover-Athey. From her time of appointment on the FPP Board two years ago, to her now serving as the Board Chair, she has immersed herself with great passion in the initiatives noted above, and many more. Her exemplary leadership has elevated the Board presence and operation to the next level, allowing for greater capacity for all of FPP's initiatives serving Financial Capability practitioners in Florida and beyond! Additionally, she has not hesitated to seek support from her teammates at CenterState whenever a need arises at FPP. We can always count on their technical support. Melissa is a key part of the continued growth of FPP, in scope, in reach, in the number of practitioners served, and ultimately, in the number of communities and Floridians served to lift them to better places in their financial story.

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Without CenterState's unwavering support, many of these initiatives would not have born the fruit they are intended to generate—practitioners who serve community members at their best, and community members of all ages who are better prepared to play their part in the opportunity economy! For your continued commitment, all stakeholders of FPP are deeply grateful! Know that your investment in the practice of Financial Capability through your time, talent and treasures generates impact manifold for households and communities!

We look forward to many more years of partnership. We hope that you will place this letter in your CRA file and are happy to speak with anyone regarding its content!

Sincerely,

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