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State Senator Edward Maloney 10400 S. Western Avenue Chicago, IL 60643

Dear Senator Maloney,

We write to inform you that recently Andy Davis of ISAC presented to the Golden Apple Board of Directors information about the agency's proposal to provide through bond issuance alternative funding sources for MAP grants and other programs overseen by ISAC.

We found the idea innovative and thoughtful, with positive implications that could include advantages to Golden Apple, especially with a future endeavor seeking investors for our highly successful Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois advanced teacher preparation and mentoring program, which you have on many occasions championed.

We wanted you to be aware of our strong support for the proposal Mr. Davis is developing, and hope it receives positive consideration from you and your colleagues.

We also wanted you to know we are in the midst of celebrating the silver anniversary of Golden Apple's founding and on this October 15th we will host the 25th annual Golden Apple Awards at WTTW studios. An invitation has been sent separately to your office. We would love to have you be part of this important night in our history.

Sincerely,

Dominic Belmonte President & CEO

Golden Apple

David Chandler

Chairman

Board of Directors

John Smart

Treasurer

Board of Directors