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Chair Sara Gelser
Members of the Committee
Senate Committee on Human Services
State Capitol Building
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RE: Support SB 964

Dear Chair Gelser and Members of the Committee:

The Marion County Board of Commissioners would like to convey our enthusiastic support for SB 964, the Strong Families, Resilient Neighborhoods Tax Credit proposal.

SB 964 authorizes the **Strong Families Resilient Neighborhoods Tax Credit** that will be used to enable up to three communities across the state develop neighborhood-based, collective impact pilot demonstration projects aimed at achieving breakthrough outcomes by strengthening families and building more resilient neighborhoods. These projects will demonstrate the effectiveness of innovative practices that have the potential to drive community systems change and will include robust learning and evaluation processes.

Currently, there is a pilot project underway in Marion County that we believe is producing these outcomes, however, its continuation and expansion will require sustainable funding. SB 964, if passed, would provide a source of funding to build capacity, leverage resources, engage local communities to assist in building strong families and resilient neighborhoods, and reduce costs to taxpayers for social services, health care, education, and foster care that far exceed the investment.

We urge your support of SB 964.

Sincerely,

Kevin Cameron, Chair

Samuel A. Brentano, Vice Chair

Colm Willis, Commissioner