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Mr. Dan Hicks  
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Dear Friends:

Welcome to Saint Petersburg! As you gather for the National Federation of the Blind of Florida's 2011 State Convention, I thank you for your commitment to supporting those affected by vision loss.

Although I am unable to attend, I want to applaud your advocacy efforts to encourage integration and equal opportunity and commend you for inspiring independence and self-confidence in those who are blind.

Best wishes for a wonderful conference and much future success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Nelson".