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Greetings,

On April 9, 2014, a vehicle crashed into a childcare center resulting in the devastating and tragic death of precious four-year-old Lily Quintus. This senseless vehicle crash garnered national attention and left the Quintus family with the irreparable loss of their beautiful daughter – they will forever grieve the loss of a life full of promise and potential, taken away by a careless and reckless driver. Other children attending the childcare center were badly hurt and continue to recover from the injuries they sustained in the crash.

In the days following the incident, I called for a countywide assessment of similar-type motor vehicle crashes, in order to determine the level of public safety threat to Orange County's most vulnerable populations – our children and senior citizens. A multi-disciplinary team completed the assessment and made recommendations for the development of an ordinance to ensure that all new childcare facilities are equipped with crash barriers to prevent vehicles from crashing into these buildings.

As a result, existing childcare centers established before May 2016, such as your facility, have access to a financial incentive to come into compliance with the ordinance voluntarily.

Orange County's Lily Quintus Childcare Center Vehicle Impact Grant is an incentive that provides up to \$10,000 to assist childcare centers with installing safety barriers in front of their structures. The safety barriers are intended to lessen the chance of a vehicle crashing into a childcare center. Enclosed is a brochure explaining the program. You may also visit www.ocfl.net/grants for more information and to download the grant application. Copies may also be obtained from Orange County's Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division by calling 407-836-5547 or emailing jason.reynolds@ocfl.net.

I genuinely hope that you will consider applying for this grant to help protect our community and future generations from car crashes at childcare centers. Installing these barriers at your facility can help protect the lives of our children.

Sincerely,

Teresa Jacobs
Orange County Mayor