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On behalf of SHAPE America, the national association that represents health and physical education teachers from all over the United States, I would like to offer greetings to your Leadership Retreat. Congratulations to Indiana AHPERD for reaching your 100-year milestone. Indiana has always played an important role in physical education, health education and other related areas and it is good to see that members continue to value your state association for the many things that it offers. At your upcoming Leadership Retreat I hope that you take time to celebrate your many successes over the years.

SHAPE America works with and supports your state organization in many ways. This past year SHAPE America has worked hard to make our commitment to 50 Million Strong a reality. For those of you who have not yet heard about this commitment, it is simply that through effective school health education and physical education programs, by the year 2029, all of the children beginning with those who started preschool in 2014 will be empowered with the skills, knowledge, confidence and desire to lead healthy and physically active lives. Along with promoting the commitment to 50 Million Strong, SHAPE America played a major role in getting health education and physical education included in the Every Student Succeeds Act. As part of a well-rounded education in ESSA, health education and physical education programs can now be supported by funding allocated to states for Title I, Title II and Title IV - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Block Grants and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center program. Many members of Indiana AHPERD attended Speak Out! Day in Washington, D.C. to advocate for the full funding allocation for ESSA as originally authorized by Congress. I encourage to think about attending this year's Speak Out! Day on April 25-26, 2017

Again, I want to offer congratulations on your Centennial Birthday. I look forward to seeing many of you at the national convention in Boston on March 14-18, 2017.

Thanks so much for your commitment to the profession and all the hard work that you do to make your organization successful.

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