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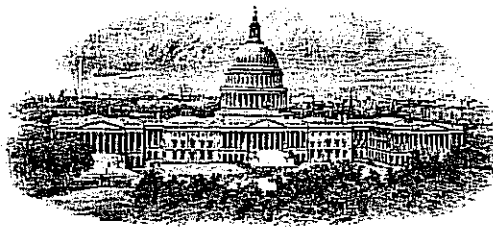
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Ms. Sia Barnes  
President  
The Links Inc.  
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Dear Ms. Barnes:

I am writing to commend you and all members of the West Palm Beach Chapter of The Links Inc. for the work you are doing to benefit the Children's Coalition. Beyond the welcome financial assistance, your Walk-A-Thon will draw attention to the work Carlton Cartwright is doing to educate young people and train them for enjoyable and productive careers.

Your generosity of time, energy and, most important, spirit are invaluable contributions to this fine organization. You are all excellent role models. You are the kind of people to whom we can all point with respect and admiration. Thank you for all you are doing to make our world a better place. I'm proud of you!

With warmest regards, I remain

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alcee L. Hastings".

Alcee L. Hastings  
Member of Congress

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