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To whom it may concern:

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is the largest national non-profit organization dedicated to preventing suicide.

Established in 1987, AFSP is a voluntary health association that gives those affected by suicide a nationwide community empowered by research, education and advocacy to take action against this leading cause of death.

Led by CEO Robert Gebbia and headquartered in New York, and with a public policy office in Washington, D.C., AFSP has local chapters in all 50 states with programs and events nationwide. This year, AFSP celebrates 30 years of service to the suicide prevention movement.

AFSP is dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide. This vital organization creates a culture that's smart about mental health by engaging in the following core strategies:

Funding scientific research

Educating the public about mental health and suicide prevention

Advocating for public policies in mental health and suicide prevention

Supporting survivors of suicide loss and those affected by suicide in our mission

These efforts are supported by local chapter fundraising endeavors. The Illinois Chapter of AFSP has partnered with Bottle and Bottega in Arlington Heights to offer a third party fundraising event on May 7, 2017.

As part of this fundraiser, we wish to hold a mini raffle on site wherein 15-20 items, valued collectively below \$500 will be raffled off to event attendees.

Given the non-for-profit status of AFSP, we are requesting a bond waiver for the raffle so that monies raised may be applied directly to AFSP programs and outreach and therefore more inclusively benefit Illinoisians in need. For reference, AFSP's tax ID is 13-3393329.

Thank you for your consideration.

Please let me know if additional information or event details are needed.

Sincerely,



Erika Barber

AFSP Illinois Chapter Board

Event Raffle Coordinator