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SENATOR RANDOLPH BRACY

11th District

March 29, 2022

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
ATTN: Commissioner Nicole "Nikki" Fried
Plaza Level 10, The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800

Dear Commissioner Fried,

It is with grave concern and disappointment that I write this letter in light of the Orlando Free Fall ride accident at ICON Park in Orlando, Florida. The premature death of 14-year old Mr. Tyre Sampson is unconscionable and an avoidable tragedy witnessed by many here, and across the nation on March 24, 2022.

As Mr. Sampson's family, friends, and all those who cared for him mourn, I am strongly urging the Department to take swift action for the critical safety of others. I urge the Department to: reexamine and implement minimum safety requirements for fixed amusement parks, implement secondary or additional safety restraints to quickly respond to mechanical and human errors, and require more robust peer training and safety protocols to increase accountability by amusement park operators. I urge that these measures be implemented immediately and I also request that the Department close the Orlando Free Fall ride permanently. No human being should experience the plight of tragedy that could have been avoided by ensuring our amusement parks are operating at the highest levels of safety and care.

I greatly appreciate your attention and consideration to this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the letter, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randolph Bracy".

Senator Randolph Bracy
Florida Senate, District 11

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