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Mr. Dean Sikes  
You Matter  
Post Office 8915  
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Dear Mr. Sikes:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding your ministry and your organization, You Matter. It is my understanding that your message of hope and purpose has been received by millions of children, primarily teenagers, in the United States, including many in Alabama.

As you may know, the focus of my second term as Governor is Alabama's children. While education policy is my top priority, I believe that a student's educational success can be impacted by many factors, both inside and outside of the classroom. Many of today's students are in need of love, hope, and support. Your message to students is simple: "You matter." Like you, I believe that each person, and each student, matters. Each one of us was created with a purpose and for a purpose.

It is my hope that your message to Alabama students will be beneficial to their pursuits in education and in life, and I wish you the best as you seek to impact the lives of more students in Alabama.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kay Ivey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kay Ivey  
Governor

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