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Dear John and Colleagues on the NYSAFLT Board of Directors,

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the establishment of a NYSAFLT sustaining fund. Enclosed find my modest contribution.

When I made the transition from teaching elementary grades to secondary Spanish back in 1987, NYSAFLT was there to help me learn about this new communicative way of teaching and acquainted me with the ground-breaking new curriculum embodied in *Modern Languages for Communication*.

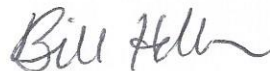
Throughout my career, NYSAFLT has been there to provide high quality content specific professional development. Most important to me, however, has been the opportunity to connect with like-minded colleagues with whom to collaborate. These wonderful professional friendships have enriched my life, enlivened my practice and inspired my own service to the profession.

In my present role as a methods professor, it is my sincere hope that NYSAFLT will always be there for the next generation of world language teachers and continue to develop leaders to promote the goal of language proficiency for all.

While there is no way that I can pay back NYSAFLT for all the benefits I have received, I'm happy to make this modest donation in honor of Al Martino, who continues to embody and inspire excellence in world language practice.

Thank you, John, and to the NYSAFLT Board of Directors for your continued visionary leadership to keep NYSAFLT the vibrant community that it has been for nearly one-hundred years.

Gratefully,



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