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To whomsoever it may Concern

At the outset, I sincerely appreciate the efforts of NGO Social Axiom Foundation, the team of Project CACA and various associated academicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, paediatricians, school counsellors, special educators, judges, lawyers, amongst others who helped shape up Project CACA (Children Against Child Abuse) through the democratic chain of events like Focus Group Discussions, Consensus Building, Pilot Programme, etc.

Schools are one of the most trusted spaces for children and are also the catalyst for change in our society. By inculcation of right kinds of attitudes and disseminating the imperative information to the children, a school not only fulfils its responsibilities but also contributes towards creating a better and safer environment for our children.

Sincere efforts and a holistic approach towards providing a safe and protective environment in schools for children is the need of the hour, and schools must strive for it. The approach to child safety must keep in mind that children are the primary stakeholder and empowering them for the prevention of child sexual abuse is the need of the hour.

Apropos to the workshop conducted at Chennai district court by DLSA Chennai, we are glad to see the efforts of the following schools towards empowering school students and sensitising the stakeholders by implementing Project CACA and making protection of the children their priority:

- 1. Air Force School, Avadi
- 2. Air Force School, Tambaram
- 3. Angel Mat Hr. Sec. School
- 15. SBOA Global School
- SBOA Matriculation and Higher Secondary School, Chennai
- 17. SBOA School & Jr College

- 4. Don Bosco Matriculation Higher Secondary School
- 5. Gateway International School
- 6. Godson Public School
- Holy Angels Anglo Indian Higher Secondary School
- Kola Perumal Chetty Vaishnav Senior Secondary School, Chennai
- Kola Saraswathi Vaishnav Sr Sec School
- Mahatma Gandhi Vidyalaya CBSE
- 11. Montfort Academy Matric Hr Sec School
- 12. Padamshree School
- 13. SBIOA International School, Chennai
- SBIOA Model Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Chennai

- Sudharsanam Vidyaashram
- Vani Vidyalaya Senior Secondary and Junior College
- 20. Shri B.S. Mootha Girls Sr. Sec. School
- 21. A V Meiyappan Matriculation Higher Secondary School
- 22. DAV Public School
- Madras Christain College Mat. Hr. Sec. School
- 24. Mangadu Public School All Branches
- 25. Montfort Matriculation Higher Secondary School
- 26. Pon Vidyashram All Branches
- 27. Shraddha Children's Academy
- 28. Sujay Public School

I truly believe in the adage 'Prevention is better than cure' and I hope the sincere efforts of NGO will encourage more and more schools to play an active and progressive role by implementing Project CACA to create a safer, happier and healthier living environment for our children in schools.

The National Policy for Children 2013, Government of India, declares that children are the supreme asset of the nation. The empowerment of children for the prevention of child sexual abuse can be the single most impactful step that can be taken to challenge and face the issue.

Every word has consequences. Every silence, too!

Yours Faithfully,

Secretary/Senior Civil Judge,

DLSA, Chennai