



# Florida House of Representatives

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend Stephen Addona for the Certified Peer Specialist position at your organization. Over the past few years, I have had the opportunity to work closely with Mr. Addona, and his organization, RE-START, and have been overwhelmingly impressed by his commitment and contributions to the Orlando community.

Mr. Addona has demonstrated time and time again his natural talent for service and advocacy as the founder of RE-START, and through his work as a peer specialist. Whether addressing large groups or speaking with individuals, Mr. Addona shows exceptional skill in listening to and identifying the needs of his clients, and empowering them to adopt healthy and sustainable habits. I have had the honor of experiencing the impact he has had on his community first hand as a supporter of the RE-START program.

Not only has Mr. Addona demonstrated to be an experienced and celebrated recovery peer specialist, he has also stepped into a role of advocacy for his community, enriching and changing the lives of many; it has been a true honor to work with him. He deserves my highest recommendations.

Kindly feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

In Equality,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos Guillermo Smith".

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**Committees:**

Appropriations Committee, Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee,  
Health Quality Subcommittee, Higher Education and Career Readiness Subcommittee