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PRESS RELEASE

(BELLPORT, NY): On August 30, New York State Senator Monica R. Martinez, in collaboration with the lawyers of Liga de Justicia, hosted her annual Back to School-End of Summer Event, as a special “Drive Thru Edition”. Between both events, held in Brentwood and Bellport this year, over seventeen hundred (1,700) students in the Third Senatorial District received backpacks filled with supplies to get them started for a successful school year! The event, established by Senator Monica R. Martinez, during her tenure as Suffolk County Legislator, is now in its fifth year. Four years ago, she partnered with attorney William V. Ferro, his firm Ferro, Kuba, Mangano, PC and their brand Liga de Justicia and the event has grown to be one of the biggest back to school events on Long Island. The event supports thousands of children in need from communities throughout the district as well as local Not for Profit

agencies such as Adelante, Pronto, Head Start, Bellport Hagerman East Patchogue Alliance and others.

“Yesterday was another beautiful sunny day to join William Ferro and the incredible team of Liga de Justicia, to support the community and distribute backpacks, school supplies and much needed PPE as children get ready to return to school this year. This event continues to be one of my most favorite, and this year made it even more so. With the challenges the COVID pandemic has brought to the community, being able to provide just a little relief to these families and see children smile at the sight of their new backpacks was truly heartwarming for all of us,” said Senator Martinez.

In addition to supplies and backpacks, all children were provided with child size masks and hand sanitizers to prepare for a safe return to school. Bellies were full thanks to lunch from the Chicken Factory in Mastic Beach, compliments of the Resource Group and the partners of Ferro, Kuba, Mangano, PC. The summer heat was refreshed with ice cold water from Suffolk County AME and Body Amour beverages from Joey Aponte of the Cabin NYC. The last stop of the socially distant appropriate event was a special spin on the Liga de Justicia prize wheel, where each car had a chance to win a prize!

William Ferro, partner at Ferro, Kuba, Mangano, PC, and the heart behind Liga De Justicia said “There has been no greater need for assistance in the community than in the year 2020. As we all struggle to find our way back to normalcy, the beginning of school once again brings caution yet abundant optimism. Through these Back to School drive thru events we may only have seen parents and children through car windows, yet their huge smiles and appreciation took me to a better place.”