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The Honorable Thomas Carper
United States Senate
513 Hart Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Carper,

The Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) wishes to congratulate you on your re-election as our United States Senator. We anticipate that you will represent us in the fair and admirable way that you are known for here in Delaware.

The Developmental Disabilities Council falls under the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-402) and has equal Councils in each state and Territory. You are familiar with the work that we have done in Delaware in your role U.S. Senator and previously as Delaware's Governor.

The DD Councils are required to develop and fulfill a 5 year State Plan that is a collaborative event with people with disabilities and other disability organizations in each state. That plan is submitted to the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) and updated each year for approval and reporting (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/aidd>).

The Delaware DD Council 5 year State Plan can be found on our web site at http://www.ddc.delaware.gov/pdf/2012/strategicplan_final_2012_2016.pdf.

Our priorities are included in our Plan, but we'd like to highlight them here, briefly, to let you know where efforts are focused. The areas that our community decided that we should emphasize are:

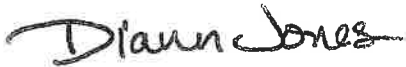
Health and Health Care,
Employment for People with Disabilities,
Self-Advocacy,
Rights as American Citizens,
Education,
Inclusive Community Living.

As always, we welcome the opportunity to work with you on these and other issues facing people with disabilities and we are available to assist you should you have questions or concerns for Delaware and the nation as it affects disability. Our national organization, the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities is also available to assist in Washington should you need a resource (www.nacdd.org).



Again, congratulations! We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diann Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

Diann Jones
Chair

cc. Donna Meltzer, NACDD