

## "Helping People Reach Their Potential"

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De ar Dr. Conroy and Ms. Searle:

We are pleased to endorse the purpose and mission of the Pennhurst Memorial and Preservation Alliance to honor, commemorate, remember and interpret the stories of the people with disabilities across the nation who have struggled for freedom and self-determination. It is fitting that these stories be told at Pennhurst, where that struggle found its most important victory. Pennhurst embodies warnings, in bricks and mortar, about our treatment of persons we all too easily in the past have classed as "the other." Equally important, Pennhurst testifies to the true power of the human spirit to endure, to overcome, and to grow.

As a founding organizational endorser of the project we agree to the following:

- Support the idea of a National Disability Museum and Memorial to be developed on the Pennhurst campus.
- Remain actively aware of the planning and development of the Pennhurst Memorial as it grows and keep our Board of Directors and membership apprised.
- Permit the use of our organization's name and logo to be used on the Alliance's webp age and in promotional letters and announcements.
- 4. Help spread the word about the importance of the Pennhurst Memorial to other groups and help to bring understanding of its Mission and Purpose.

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Sincerely,

Spectrum Community Services, Inc. (SCS)

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