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State of Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities

Dear Advocate:

The Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities invites you to work with us to improve the lives of people with physical disabilities. We are seeking individuals, organizations, professional associations, providers and others to become part of our network.

As a partner in our network, you can provide valuable information, advocacy for issues related to persons with physical disabilities, and much more. You will receive periodic summaries about legislation, as well as links to information on physical disability issues. Together we can work toward a world where all persons with physical disabilities have access to the same life choices and opportunities as any other Wisconsin citizen.

The Council was created by the state legislature in 1989. It is comprised of 14 members appointed by the Governor for staggered three-year terms. One Council position is reserved for the Governor's representative, and the rest are unpaid volunteers. At least six members must be people with physical disabilities, and at least one member must be a service provider to people with physical disabilities.

The Council's mission is to:

- develop a state plan for services to people with physical disabilities;
- request reports from state agencies regarding programs, funding, clients or services to people with physical disabilities;
- advise state agencies on legislation, funding, programs, policies and operations with respect to people with physical disabilities;
- encourage public understanding of the needs and issues concerning people with physical disabilities;
- consider all questions and matters brought to the Council concerning people with physical disabilities; and
- submit an annual report to the state legislature with recommendations on legislation.

The Council meets four times a year in Madison. Travel expenses are reimbursed within State guidelines. More information about the Council and its activities is available on our website at: www.pdcouncil.state.wi.us. I hope you will consider joining us!

Sincerely,

JorJan Borlin
Chairperson