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Illinois Autism and Developmental Disabilities Political *ACTION* Committee

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We are pleased to announce the formation of the Illinois Autism and Developmental Disabilities Political Action Committee.

The mission of IADD-PAC is to promote the lives of persons with autism and other developmental disabilities through political action. The focus of our efforts will be to support elected officials who support us. Our friends in public office are those who will work to demand better for our loved ones. We will work to promote person-centered policies and individualized supports, as well as support families. We believe that every individual with a disability should have choices in life, be free to live and learn in their communities, and that they should be supported to achieve their fullest potential.

For too long, Illinois has lagged among the worst states in the country in promoting the freedom and dignity of persons with autism and other developmental disabilities. The result has been a “system” in which only those families already in extreme crisis are eligible for even modest supports. Too often, the last resort of placing a child or adult with disabilities in a state institution is the only choice for thousands of our families.

The efforts of parents, self-advocates and charitable organizations have led to significant improvements in recent years. But these efforts must be supplemented with direct political action, which cannot be done with charitable funds. There are many interest groups working in Springfield who have political action committees supporting their cause. Why shouldn't Illinois' most vulnerable citizens have that kind of support, too?

Please support IADD-PAC, so we can improve the State of Illinois and, more importantly, the lives of persons with autism and other developmental disabilities.

Thank you.

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