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Dear Ms. Swiezy & Neal:

As Director of the Division of Developmental Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS) for the State of Indiana, I am writing in support of your finding and recommendations contained in the Indiana Autism Support Services Gap Analysis. The report will help guide DDRS as we look at ways to enhance the lives of Hoosiers with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families.

DDRS works to support all people with disabilities, including adults and children on the autism spectrum. Indiana is committed to ensuring that individuals affected by ASD have access to services and necessary supports. As we move forward in the development of our programs and policies, careful thought will be put into how we incorporate best practices into existing services as well into future programs that address the needs that remain unmet.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you for the work you have conducted in developing the Comprehensive State Plan for Individuals with ASD, your leadership of the Indiana Interagency Autism Coordinating Council (IIACC) and the findings contained in the high level needs assessment regarding the gaps in ASD services in Indiana. The work provides an opportunity for the State of Indiana to have a renewed focus not only on ASD- but the broad range of issues that surround the entire disabilities community.

Sincerely,

Kylee Hope

Director - Division of Developmental Disability and Rehabilitative Services

