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The Honorable Terry Link
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The Honorable James Broosahan
State Representative – 36th District
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To the Honorable James Brosnahan and Terry Link:

As lead sponsors of this legislation, we would like to update you on the progress of the Disabilities Services Advisory Committee, legislated by Public Act 93-0638 (HB 0684). We believe, and the committee concurs, that the best step for the committee at this time is to submit a report on July 1, 2005, that will serve as (a) a report on the status and past activity of the committee and (b) list state projects in motion designed to ensure compliance with the ADA and the Olmstead Decision.

After July 1, 2005, the committee plans to continue discussions from its five meetings and proceed with vigor on its legislated task of developing and implementing a disabilities services implementation plan for Illinois.

The committee elected this route as the best means to comply with the intent of the legislation, refusing to sacrifice diligence and content for expedience. The committee also suggests that the Public Act 93-0638 be considered for amendment, possibly as early as the November 2005 veto session, to realign the timeframes to better enable the committee to craft a viable plan for Illinois.

Please feel free to follow up with either of us to discuss this topic further.

Sincerely,

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