September 21, 2009

Dr. James Conroy  
Ms. Jean Searle  
Pennhurst Memorial and Preservation Alliance  
61 Cassatt Avenue  
Berwyn, PA 19132

Dear 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:

1. Support the idea of a National Disability Museum and Memorial to be developed on the Pennhurst campus.
2. Remain actively aware of the planning and development of the Pennhurst Memorial as it grows and keep our Board of Directors and membership apprised.
3. Permit the use of our organization’s name and logo to be used on the Alliance’s webpage 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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We fully support your vision of a community of conscience at Pennhurst and look forward to furthering its creation. As a "place of inclusion, designed to elicit reflection and growth toward a better future," the PMPA’s vision for Pennhurst offers a unique resource to the nation that time will prove indispensable.

Sincerely,
Spectrum Community Services, Inc. (SCS)

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Nathaniel J. Williams
President/CEO

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