Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind

And Visually Impaired

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Dear AER Executive Director and board members,,

It has come to my attention that your organization has chosen to undertake the accreditation of rehabilitation agencies and other public and private organizations serving the blind, and that this is being accomplished by reconstituting the National Accreditation Council (NAC). As a concerned blind American I am aware that NAC as previously constituted persistently failed or refused to include blind persons in the development and enforcement of qualitative standards for the agencies that provides services to us. I am also deeply disturbed that AER has no intention and no plans to include us in the formation and enforcement of such accreditation standards.

Therefore, I join thousands of my blind colleagues across the nation in calling upon your organization to cease and desist from establishing AER as the standards and accreditation body for agencies for the blind in the United States.

Sincerely,

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