



February 27, 2009

Commissioner David Daugherty  
Budget & Audit Subcommittee Chair  
Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission  
400 East Campus View Blvd.  
Columbus, Ohio 43235-4604

Dear Commissioner Daugherty:

The Ohio Association of Goodwill Industries (OAGI) is made up of 16 independent, not-for-profit organizations that all share the Goodwill name. As such, we would like to congratulate ORSC for their role in successfully bringing about the inclusion of VR in the Federal Stimulus Bill.

Although the actual amount of dollars that will be allocated to VR services in Ohio is still not confirmed, OAGI would like to strongly advocate that ORSC use whatever dollars they receive to *increase* the case service allocated under the current budget in order to fulfill the intent of the Stimulus Package which is creation of jobs. For example, if the current cost of a successful rehabilitation is approximately \$8,400, *adding* \$20 million to case services could mean that an additional 2,380 Ohioans with disabilities would be assisted in obtaining and maintaining competitive employment. This would have a long term impact on the economy of the state of Ohio due to the tax dollars generated by the increase in consumers working, and is consistent with the intent of the Federal Stimulus Legislation.

At this time, OAGI and the disability service community is prepared to continue its long standing and successful partnership with ORSC to meet the needs of the increased number of consumers that would benefit from the stimulus dollars brought into Ohio. They have the capacity to provide timely services and are eager to assist ORSC in fulfilling its mission...putting Ohioans with disabilities to work.

Again, congratulations on a job well done.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marjory Pizzuti". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Marjory Pizzuti  
President & CEO, Goodwill Columbus  
Chair, Ohio Association of Goodwill Industries (OAGI)

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