April 10, 2019

Honorable Mike DeWine, Governor

Riffe Tower

77 South High Street

Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Governor DeWine,

We wanted to extend our deep-felt thanks for your Executive Order 2019-03D establishing Ohio as a disability inclusion state and a model employer of individuals with disabilities. As Chair of the new Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) Council, I am thrilled at this action that places Ohio in the forefront of the states as an example and mentor for employers in the hiring of people with disabilities.

Also, we took the reappointment of OOD Director Kevin Miller as a very public affirmation of the great progress that the agency has made in putting Ohioans with disabilities at the center of all that OOD undertakes. With your firm leadership and Director Miller’s expert assistance, the OOD Council stands ready to be a vital link in the chain of partnerships that will open the door of employment to every Ohioan with a disability.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Peters, Th.D.

Chair

C: OOD Council Members

 OOD Director Miller