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Dear Mrs. Poncelet,

I am delighted to compose this letter in endorsement of the Center for Disabilities of South Dakota and strong support of their application for the Public Information Grant.

Extending this financial support will enable the Center for Disabilities to sustain their outstanding efforts in creating and distributing accessible information and materials to individuals with disabilities, as well as their families and community members across South Dakota.

I can personally attest to the invaluable assistance we received from their incredible team and associated partners. Our oldest son, Owen, lived with complex healthcare needs for 12 years. Although he passed away, our family was fortunate to benefit from the information, resources, and kindness provided by the Center for Disabilities. Furthermore, their unwavering support has continued beyond his passing, demonstrating the enduring impact of their services. We are truly grateful for the dedication and empathy displayed by the Center for Disabilities, which has touched not only our family but countless others throughout South Dakota.

I earnestly implore you to extend their funding so their essential work can help other families like ours.

Sincerely,



Michael Turner