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Donald M. Berwick, M.D.  
Administrator  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
7500 Security Boulevard  
Baltimore, MD 21244

Dear Dr. Berwick,

The undersigned organizations are writing to thank you for your recent decision to deny the State of Missouri's application to amend its 1915(c) waiver under the Comprehensive Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS).

We are deeply appreciative of CMS clarifying that the intent of the HCBS statute and regulations is not to continue to segregate persons with disabilities on the grounds of an institution in smaller settings. We look forward to continuing to work with you in your new position.

Regards,

American Network of Community Options and Resources  
APSE  
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law  
Lutheran Services in America Disability Network  
Mental Health America  
National Council on Independent Living  
National Disability Rights Network  
National Down Syndrome Congress  
National Spinal Cord Injury Association  
Paralyzed Veterans of America  
United Spinal Association