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Ryan Gollner, Project Director

Wisconsin Educational Services Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WESP-DHH)

309 W. Walworth Ave

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Dear Mr. Gollner,

On behalf of the Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training & Support (WI FACETS), I am delighted to write a letter supporting the Wisconsin DeafBlind Technical Assistance Project (WDBTAP) seeking funding through the State Technical Assistance Projects to Improve Services and Results for Deafblind Children and National Technical Assistance and Dissemination Center for Deafblind Children (CFDA 84.326T).

WI FACETS is Wisconsin's OSEP-funded Parent Training and Information Center (PTI). As a partner in serving families of children with disabilities in Wisconsin, our organization is very aware of WDBTAP's strong commitment to supporting students with deaf-blindness in schools with educational evaluations, staff in-service, and consultations, as well as empowering students' families through training, personalized assistance, and parent/youth programs. Only the WDBTAP has the capacity to do this work.

WDBTAP has educated, encouraged, and empowered families with a son or daughter with DB for over 15 years. We understand how critical it is to continue providing high-quality training and support to families to strengthen their capacity to seek appropriate educational services for their children. WI FACETS often refers families from all backgrounds with children suspected of having deaf-blindness to WDBTAP for initial special education evaluations and other IEP-related assessments. WDBTAP is great at embracing these families and their IEP teams so the student can get suitable IEP services. Our collaborations with WDBTAP include exchanging educational materials and information for parents on the IEP process and presenting workshops for parents with children who are deafblind.

In conclusion, WI FACETS strongly supports your effort to continue the funding for WDBTAP. We believe the agency is in an excellent position to support children who are deafblind in Wisconsin, their families, and their school teams. We look forward to a continued relationship when WDBTAP is refunded.

Truly Yours,

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