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**Subject: Formal Notice Regarding S2882 and House Bill H7890 (Olmstead Compliance)**

To the Members of the Senate and House Health and Human Services Committees,  
I am writing to provide formal notice regarding the legislative proposals currently before the General Assembly, specifically Senate Bill S2882 and House Bill H7890.

Regardless of the proposed language or the political objectives behind this legislation, the state remains bound by the Olmstead v. L.C. mandate. My audit of both the Senate and House versions reveals a fundamental structural conflict with federal civil rights law concerning the requirement for care to be provided in the most integrated setting appropriate to the individual. No amount of legislative drafting in either chamber can override the requirements set forth by the Supreme Court in Olmstead v. L.C. Should these bills move forward without addressing these foundational violations, it will necessitate a formal challenge based on their non-compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

This position is a matter of record for both the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and the House Health and Human Services Committee.

Sincerely,

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