May 2, 2016

Michael Kirkman, Executive Director
Disability Rights Ohio
50 W. Broad Street, Suite 1400
Columbus OH 43215

Dear Mr. Kirkman:

As chair of the Ohio Olmstead Task Force (OOTF), I’m writing to inform you that OOTF has voted to support Disability Rights Ohio in the lawsuit you filed on behalf of Ohioans who wish to live and work in their local communities — but are unable to do so. Disability Rights Ohio claims this is a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Olmstead v. L.C. and E.W. OOTF is in agreement that Ohioans are being denied their right to choose.

Our taskforce was established in 2002 as a grassroots coalition of people who have disabilities, family members, and people who support people with disabilities. The purpose of OOTF is to ensure that people with disabilities have the right to live and work in their communities.
OOTF is supporting the lawsuit on behalf of our mission to advocate for the right of individuals with disabilities to live, work, and participate in their communities.

OOTF appreciates and values the work of Disability Rights Ohio and looks forward to assisting you in gaining a positive outcome of the lawsuit.

Sincerely,

Renee Wood

OOTF Chair