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To Whom It May Concern:

Submitted on behalf of the Arc of Lane County

We would like to express our deepest regard and appreciation for the Arc's efforts to build an adaptive park for our community. This concept is forward thinking and will widely benefits all children and families who experience disability. Our long-term relationship with the Arc and shared vision and goals for the children and families we serve puts us on the "same page" with regard to improving lives for children. We whole heartedly recommend and endorse this project.

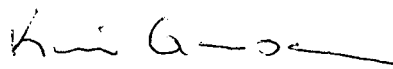
Our children and families will directly benefit from the Arc Park. Our families often struggle to find appropriate and engaging outdoor play opportunities that meet both the physical and social needs of their child. Outdoor settings currently available often do not have the adaptations or modifications necessary to allow a child with intellectual and developmental disabilities to fully participate, which ultimately means no or less time spent recreating and accessing our wonderful outdoors.

A park like this one would enable better participation and inclusion in an outdoor setting resulting in enhanced relationships with others, appreciation of the outdoors and a chance to build motor, communication and social skills. Many of our families already access the many services provided by the Arc and trust the staff and the quality services provided to them. Participating in the Arc Park would be an easy sell.

Please feel free to contact us for further information,



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