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To Whom it may concern,

Mainstream Housing is concerned about the housing challenges for people with developmental disabilities in Lane County. We are committed to building new housing units in various locations in the Eugene and Springfield area that will provide for housing success for our disabled population. As we seek building sites, an important factor for us is the inclusiveness of the neighborhoods in which we choose to build. The Arc Park will provide Springfield with a valuable opportunity to enhance the level of inclusiveness in our community. We see this as an important motivator for us to develop our affordable housing properties for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Springfield.

It would be of great benefit to have the Arc Park in our community. With the disability community, isolation and depression are two of the biggest barriers to overcome to have a full independent life. Having an area that people can meet up and socialize would be life changing for our clients. The Arc Park highlights serving children, but there is capacity to serve the adults with disability in our community. The Arc Park is going to be equipped with a Stage area with an event lawn that can hold concerts, plays and social events. The play equipment is designed to accommodate adult's height and weight. It will have a basketball court, a walking path, a sensory area, a fitness area, a picnic area and not lastly a quiet area, all of which our adult community can access.

Many see a park as a child play area but with the Universal Design of the Arc Park, it will be an environment that adults will access with the expectation of inclusion, and accessibility. The Arc Park will be an asset to all persons and abilities.

Mainstream Housing strongly supports the building of the Arc Park. We highly encourage your financial support of this worthy project.

Sincerely,

Jaelyn LaRue
Executive Director

Supporting quality, affordable housing options for people with developmental disabilities