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Dear Representative Fletcher,

My name is Martha Fassino and I live in the district you represent. Congratulations on your recent election to that position. I am writing to inform you of a wonderful facility in Cypress, Texas that provides quality, meaningful programs for individuals with developmental delays. There is no other program comparable in the Houston area and it is right here in your district!!

My interest in Reach Unlimited increased significantly when my son, Ryan, graduated from High School. Ryan is a high functioning and social individual who was born with Down's Syndrome. He attended Cy Fair High School where he was the manager of the varsity football and basketball teams. He interacted very well with all of the teachers and students and was quite popular. Children with developmental disabilities are allowed to attend high school until age 22. Upon graduation, there were no programs for him. After a very active and social life, he was then alone with only mom and dad. There were no friends, few activities, and very little socialization. Ryan became depressed. His language and academic skills diminished rapidly.

We then learned of the Reach Unlimited Learning Activity Center. Ryan and I visited and were surprised and elated to find a place that was clean and cheerful and staffed with caring, concerned, and loving individuals. There were wonderful classes and programs that would benefit him and renew the necessary

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academics and life skills that he needed. (There were computer classes, art, music and physical fitness. Reach Unlimited has programs where he can participate in community service projects such as Meals on Wheels and Habitat for Humanity. (They have individuals who have both trained him in relevant job skills and then helped him locate a job consistent with his aptitude. Most importantly to Ryan, there are other individuals like himself who have become his good friends with whom he can again experience a full life with socialization and activities.

(The purpose of my letter is to invite you to tour Reach Unlimited. Please come and see the wonderful way our tax dollars are being spent and what this program provides for the members of our community that have developmental disabilities. I am enclosing a tour card that has scheduled tours listed. But... they would be more than happy to set up a tour for your convenience.

(Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and for your attention to my request. I will be calling you soon.

Sincerely,
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