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August 21st, 2018

Re: Handicap Accessible Parking Space
Christine Leclerc
345 Willard Street
Berlin, NH 03570

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you this day in order to advocate for a family that I serve here in Berlin, and to request on behalf of this family that a handicap accessible parking space and accompanying sign be added in front of the home of Shirley & Christine Leclerc of 345 Willard Street, Berlin.

Christine is a woman that is diagnosed with [redacted] disabilities. In order for her to access the community, she requires a wheelchair, wheelchair lift and full assistance/support with ambulation and transportation at all times. Due to her diagnosis, she uses modified vans with a vehicle-mounted wheelchair lifts that can accommodate her needs both at home and while being served by Northern Human Services.

Her personal van has been modified with a vehicle-mounted wheelchair lift that she is able to access from the passenger side. The van that she uses while being supported by Northern Human Services has a vehicle-mounted wheelchair lift that she is able to access from the back of the van.

In previous years, she has had much difficulty accessing both vans, especially in the winter months due to the lack of snow removal where the van parks to pick-up and drop-off Christine. Additionally, the lack of a designated handicap accessible parking space for her in front of the residence has added to these difficulties.

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As the residential coordinator for this family, I am asking that the Traffic Safety Committee approve this request so that Christine's quality of life can be enhanced. By adding this handicap accessible space and sign in front of her home, she will have a designated place for her van to park while she transitions to-and-from the community and her home.

Included is a rough representation of what the family has relayed to me regarding the tentative handicap accessible parking space that is being requested. The shortest route from the home to the street is located on the left side of the home. This is where the wheelchair lift is installed so that Christine can access her home.

If you require any additional information regarding this request, I have included my contact information at the bottom of this letter. Shirley (Christine's mother & provider) has asked me to include her contact information as well should you wish to connect with her regarding this communication.

Thank you for your time taking this request into consideration.

Sincerely,

Justin M. Lessard
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