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**Statement in Support of Settlement Agreement and Implementation of  
N.B. vs. Norwood Class Action Law Suit**

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Dear Mr. Farley:

The Arc of Illinois; Family Voices of Illinois; and the Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (ICAAP) are pleased to submit this letter in favor of the Settlement Agreement proposed for the N.B. vs. Norwood Class Action Law Suit.

Our support for this settlement agreement is based upon our many years of experience serving children with disabilities, including behavioral, mental health, and emotional disabilities, as well as developmental and intellectual disabilities, including autism, throughout Illinois.

Family Voices of Illinois and The Arc of Illinois Family to Family Health Information Center serve families and providers statewide with information and resources, education and training opportunities pertaining to children and youth with any disability and/or chronic illness. The Arc of Illinois and Family Voices are committed to empowering persons with disabilities to achieve full participation in community life through informed choices.

ICAAP is a professional organization of 2,000 pediatrician and pediatric specialist members involved with caring for children. ICAAP's Executive Committee and members of its Committee on Children with Chronic Illnesses and Disabilities provide leadership on policy issues impacting all aspects of health care for our state's children. We are in support of the settlement and will make ourselves available to provide guidance on implementation of the settlement. We are keenly aware that children who are Class Members of NB vs. Norwood require timely access to treatment services for their mental and behavioral health needs.

We look forward to collaborating with you on implementation of this vital Settlement Agreement during 2018. We intend to provide recommendations on the settlement implementation plan this spring.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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President, Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics



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