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To whom it may concern:

The Fulton County Board of Commissioners, through its Department of Senior Services and Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, is pleased to offer this Letter of Support as a collaborator with both Christian City and Two Sparrows Village as they apply for the NIH ComPASS grant to fund the Lifespan Engagement & Educational Ecosystem Tool (LET).

LET is an applications and web-based guide to resources available to parents of adult children living with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDDs). The LET project will be supported by video and interactive content, including chat bots and eventually Virtual Reality technical assistance. The LET project will advance equity for both caregivers and their children with IDDs, helping both populations improve access to healthcare. Specifically, the 100 households target catchment for the project will focus on providing 65% of the resources to enroll caregivers in the sandwich generation of raising children living with IDDs who caregivers for their parents may also be. The LET initiative - a health-equity structural intervention - is designed to impact a gap which perpetuates health disparities.

The letter of support enables the Department of Senior Services and Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to host LET project eligibility workshops and clinics onsite at Fulton County Adult Day Health and Senior Multipurpose Centers, including the HJC Bowden, Helene S. Mills, Harriett G. Darnell and Dorothy C. Benson facilities; host meeting space for Focus Groups on the LET approach; and to gather needs/asset assessments and model LET applications prototypes with input from and to provide training to older adults and their IDD care partners on the LET Tool and/or application.

Our role in supporting the LET initiative is as follows: A) Program Promotion, Outreach, and Senior Services/Disability service assessments for benefits eligibility; B) Appoint constituents, advocates and key Fulton County stakeholders to serve on the LET Advisory Council/Taskforce; C) Serve as the LET applications and data integration partner to study the efficacy of the LET approach.

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We expect our collaboration to be seamless as we have past working relationships with Christian City and Two Sparrows Village. Christian City is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides vibrant living, life-changing hope and a community of loving friends. Their mission is a faith-based approach in housing, healthcare, crisis intervention, and building community for children, families, and older adults. Their 500-acre campus is a unique living community located in the Greater Atlanta Metro Area. Two Sparrows Village is a non-profit corporation with a simple vision: To provide a supportive living environment for adults with intellectual disabilities within an inclusive community that promotes greater independence and an exceptional quality of life for adults with lifelong challenges.

Thank you for the opportunity to share this Letter of Support highlighting our partnership and collaboration on this critical initiative to address health equity and independence for the IDD minority population and their caregivers.

Sincerely,



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