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John A. Gibney, Jr., Judge U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond Division Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr. Federal Courthouse 701 East Broad Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

RE: <u>United States v. Commonwealth of Virginia</u>, Case No. 3:12cv59

Dear Judge Gibney,

Pursuant to your March 6, 2012 Order in the above-captioned case, we submit the following statement of 70 Virginia stakeholder organizations in support of the proposed Settlement Agreement between Virginia and the United States. We request that a representative of this stakeholder group be permitted to speak at the hearing concerning whether the proposed Agreement should be approved. We do not seek to put on or cross-examine any witnesses at the hearing. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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The Arc of the New River Valley

The Arc of North Central Virginia

The Arc of Northern Shenandoah Valley

The Arc of Northern Virginia

The Arc of the Piedmont

The Arc-Rappahannock

The Arc of Rockbridge

The Arc of Southern Virginia

The Arc of South Hampton Roads

The Arc South of the James

The Arc of Southside

The Arc of the Virginia Peninsula

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Rappahannock Area Community Services Board

The Skills Development Center

St. John's Community Services

Support Services of Virginia, Inc.

VaACCSES

VA-APSE

Virginia Association of Centers for Independent Living

Virginia Association of Community Services Boards (VACSB)

Virginia Association of Personal Care Assistants

Virginia Down Syndrome Association

Virginia Network of Private Providers (VNPP)

Virginia Poverty Law Center

Voices of Virginia

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Statement of Virginia Stakeholder Coalition in Support of Settlement Agreement

We, a broad coalition of Virginia stakeholders, submit this statement in support of the Settlement Agreement in *United States v. Virginia*, No. 3:12-CV-059. Together we represent a wide range of expertise and experience concerning the needs of individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities and with Virginia's system of services for these individuals. Our organizations represent thousands of individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities and their family members, community service boards, service providers, and independent living centers. We have helped countless individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to live productive and meaningful lives in their homes and communities, and have helped numerous other individuals transition successfully from institutional to community settings.

We urge the Court to approve the Settlement Agreement between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the U.S. Department of Justice. The Settlement affords an historic opportunity for thousands of Virginians with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live full lives in their own homes and communities. Following are our reasons for supporting the Settlement Agreement.

1. <u>Individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, including those individuals with the most complex needs, can live successfully in the community.</u>

The members of our coalition have many decades of collective experience in planning, designing, administering and receiving services that enable individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live successfully in their own homes and communities. We have firsthand experience with what has been demonstrated by repeated studies and experience in service systems across the country: individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, including even those with the most complex needs, can live successfully in the

community. Many of the individuals whom we have helped live in their homes and participate in their communities have extremely complex medical, behavioral support, or other needs. They have had needs as significant as the needs of individuals living in the Training Centers. Yet they not only have lived successfully in the community; they have flourished.

2. The Settlement Agreement affords a long overdue opportunity for thousands of individuals with ID/DD to live in integrated community settings and to lead lives similar to those of people without disabilities.

Thousands of Virginians with intellectual and other developmental disabilities have spent years on waiting lists without receiving needed services. For many, the lack of community services puts them at serious risk of institutionalization. Others are needlessly institutionalized in Training Centers or other institutions because community services are unavailable. These individuals deserve the opportunity to receive services to live successfully in the community. Community settings afford many more opportunities to interact with individuals without disabilities than do institutional settings. They also promote regular participation in community activities, including social, educational and work activities. In contrast to institutional settings, where residents typically have regimented lives and little opportunity to learn independent living skills, community settings afford individuals the chance to learn to do things for themselves and develop greater independence, as well as the opportunity to make choices about matters such as what they eat, when they get up, and how they spend their day.

We have observed countless individuals with intellectual or other developmental disabilities who were thought to have low potential to succeed in community settings actually thrive once they were provided with individualized services tailored to their strengths and needs.

3. The oversight, accountability and quality management mechanisms built into the Settlement Agreement will help ensure that people with ID/DD will receive safe, high quality and individualized services.

Successful transitions of individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to community-based settings depend on settings that are safe and services that are carefully tailored to the needs of each individual. The Settlement Agreement includes extensive provisions designed to help ensure that individuals who receive services under the Agreement are safe and provided with sufficient and high quality services. The Agreement explicitly outlines and enhances current practices of identifying and addressing risks of harm, and implementing quality improvement programs with specific reporting requirements. It also sets standards for the provision of case management services and licensing inspections, and provides for the development of state-wide core competency trainings and quality service reviews.

The Independent Reviewer, who brings extensive expertise to Virginia, will be an asset to the service system, helping with the development of service plans and the expansion of service capacity.

Although the Settlement Agreement does not fill in all the details, such as funding and rate structures, it provides a solid framework for the work that must be accomplished over the next 10 years.

4. The Settlement Agreement will help keep families together.

Finally, the Agreement will help keep families together by enabling thousands of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to continue living in their homes and communities, with or close to their families, and by enabling many others to leave institutional settings and move closer to their families and other loved ones. People with intellectual and developmental disabilities typically thrive in their homes and communities when they receive the

services they need. Without appropriate services, families often experience financial, emotional, and physical fatigue, and face unfair and cruel choices about how to care for their loved ones under difficult circumstances.

On behalf of the thousands of Virginians whom we serve and count among our family members, we urge you to approve the Settlement Agreement that the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia have submitted.

- 1. The Aktion Club of the Virginia Peninsula is a Kiwanis-sponsored club for citizens with disabilities, supported by six Hampton Roads Kiwanis Clubs. The club has more than 40 members, who select service projects benefitting the local community, identify speakers to invite to their club, plan social activities, and elect their club's leadership.
- 2. The Arc of Virginia is a state chapter of The Arc of the United States, the world's largest grassroots organization of and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc of Virginia advocates for full inclusion and participation in the community for the organization's membership, which includes many individuals and families who are on a waiting list for services.
- 3. The Arc of Augusta provides education, recreation and social interaction through two adult day support programs and promotes ID/DD awareness and advocacy via public interaction and activities in the Staunton, Waynesboro and Augusta County areas.
- 4. The Arc of Central Virginia provides services to individuals with ID/DD, including day support services, a summer day camp program to preschoolers thru adults, and residential services such as respite, in-home supports and sponsored residential services.
- 5. The Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT Inc. offers comprehensive services within the greater Prince William area for individuals with developmental disabilities. The organization tirelessly promotes the acceptance and inclusion of people of developmental disabilities in our community, and specializes in those individuals with complex needs.
- 6. The Arc of Greater Roanoke Valley (ArcGRV) advocates for the rights and full community inclusion of all children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. With its network of members, ArcGRV improves systems of support and services, connects families, inspires communities, and influences public policy.
- 7. The Arc of Harrisonburg and Rockingham has provided community programs and advocated for individuals with developmental disabilities for 50 years. The DOJ settlement is extremely important to the organization's members, who support the stakeholder coalition's emphasis on community-based supports, rather than the training centers.
- 8. The Arc of Loudoun serves individuals with disabilities and children of all abilities to maximize their potential so that everyone may thrive in our community.
- 9. The Arc of the New River Valley is a coalition of people with disabilities, family members of people with disabilities, teachers and students in our local school systems, university professionals, and community activists dedicated to helping people with disabilities lead full lives in the community. To achieve this, the

organization assists people with disabilities in developing a "microboard," which is a small group of committed family and friends who join with a person with a disability to create a nonprofit corporation dedicated to maintaining respectful, person-centered support for the individual.

- 10. The Arc of North Central Virginia, serving Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange and Rappahannock Counties, is an advocacy organization committed to enhancing the lives of those with intellectual and developmental disabilities to ensure they become valued members of our community and to reach their fullest potential. The Arc is committed to creating an environment that encourages inclusiveness and acceptance through the education, advocacy and support of families, friends and our community.
- 11. The Arc of Northern Shenandoah Valley provides advocacy and support to individual with intellectual and developmental disabilities as well as the families and organizations that work with them. The Arc/NSV serves Frederick, Clarke, Shenandoah Counties, and the City of Winchester.
- 12. The Arc of Northern Virginia is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to protecting the human and civil rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through their full inclusion in the community. The Arc of Northern Virginia represents, supports, and acts on behalf of individuals with disabilities and their families through the Northern Virginia area through advocacy and direct supports.
- 13. The Arc of the Piedmont improves the quality of life of infants, children and adults with, or at risk of intellectual and developmental disabilities, and the lives of their families, through service, advocacy and education. Our vision is for people with disabilities to be fully participating members of the community.
- 14. The Arc of Rappahannock provides advocacy and support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout the City of Fredericksburg and the counties of Caroline, Stafford, King George, and Spotsylvania. Our Vision is that all people with cognitive and developmental disabilities have full inclusion within their communities; so that they can live, work, make friends, and live full lives in every way.
- 15. The Arc of Rockbridge serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. We provide financial support, respite care, and advocacy, as well as opportunities for community involvement and social activities.
- 16. The Arc of Southern Virginia, serving Halifax, Mecklenburg and Charlotte Counties, advocates for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We work to foster full inclusion and active participation in the community for the enrichment of the lives of these individuals and their families by providing community education, support, information and referral with a strong emphasis on youth and adult self-advocacy.

- 17. The Arc of South Hampton Roads provides advocacy and support to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families who live in the localities of Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, Portsmouth, Norfolk and Suffolk.
- 18. The Arc South of the James provides support, advocacy training, workshops, and information about the Arc and its mission to local families that include an individual with intellectual or developmental disabilities. In addition, the organization provides outreach and public education to the greater community, including local businesses, on the benefits and importance of integrating individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities into the community.
- 19. The Arc of Southside is a local chapter of the largest national grassroots organization advocating for the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We provide advocacy and direct services supporting people of all ability levels to live full independent lives in the community through our housing, employment and education programs.
- 20. The Arc of the Virginia Peninsula is a comprehensive service provider with a proud history of support for people with disabilities and their families. The Arc currently serves more than 1,000 individuals with developmental disabilities in employment, day support, community living and early childhood programs.
- 21. The Autism Society of America-Central Virginia Chapter promotes lifelong access and opportunities for persons within the autism spectrum and their families, to be fully included, participating members of their communities through advocacy, public awareness, education and research related to autism.
- 22. Autism Society of Northern Virginia serves individuals and families in the region who have been touched by autism by providing a full range of services and supports, including information and referral assistance, advocacy and education, family fun and respite, support groups, Intervention Assistance Fund minigrants, and fundraising events and programs.
- 23. **BestCare Home Care, Inc.** provides personal assistance and respite care under the ID and ED/CD Waivers. We provide in-home support to individuals with disabilities to enable them to live successfully in the community.
- 24. Chimes Virginia operates supervised group homes, provides in-home supports and respite services for people who live with their families, and offers an alternative to traditional day services, utilizing the Club House model. Services are delivered in the northern Virginia suburbs.

- 25. **The Choice Group** is a nationally accredited organization that provides quality integrated community-based employment to over 1,000 individuals with disabilities throughout Virginia.
- 26. Community Concepts, Inc. provides residential and day support services to persons with intellectual disabilities. As we help the persons we support broaden their horizons and embrace new dreams, lives are transformed and entire communities benefit.
- 27. Community Residences, Inc. (CR) is a non-profit organization providing quality services to enable individuals with a wide range of disabilities to live as independently and with as high a quality of life as possible. CR is one of the largest providers of medical, therapeutic, educational, vocational, residential and integrative recreational services to individuals with disabilities in Virginia, serving consumers in Arlington, Fairfax and Prince William counties and the City of Richmond.
- 28. **Dominion Waiver Services** works to empower individuals to learn how to live independently within the community. We offer our supports through our Sponsored Residential, In Home Residential and Day Support programs.
- 29. The Down Syndrome Society of Fredericksburg is a volunteer-directed, non-profit organization, offering encouragement, education, and support to parents, families, and friends who love a person with Down Syndrome.
- 30. The Down Syndrome Association of Greater Richmond is a nonprofit organization that strives to improve the quality of life for individuals with Down syndrome and their families by providing access to current and accurate information on Down syndrome and by fostering programs that focus on education, community services, public awareness, medical issues, research, advocacy, legal issues and parenting.
- 31. The Down Syndrome Association of Hampton Roads is a non-profit charitable organization that supports families and persons with Down syndrome. The mission of the DSAHR is to enhance the lives of individuals with Down syndrome, helping them reach their full potential by providing family support, education, and social opportunities in Southeast Virginia and Hampton Roads.
- 32. The Down Syndrome Association of Northern Virginia is a nonprofit organization of more than 900 members representing the thousands of individuals across Northern Virginia who have Down syndrome. We have become a trusted resource for these individuals, their families and friends, educators, employers, legislators, and the medical community.
- 33. Eggleston Services is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating, training and employing individuals with disabilities. Through partnerships with businesses and government institutions, Eggleston finds and creates opportunities for individuals to

make the most of their abilities, contribute to society, and enjoy the satisfaction of working and earning their own living.

- 34. Family Alliance and Support Network (FANS) is a group of friends from the Harrisonburg, Virginia area for families of adults who have intellectual or developmental disabilities. Our group provides friendship, support and networking opportunities.
- 35. The Four Seasons Community Action Group is a Richmond-based client advocacy group comprised of individuals with lifelong disabilities who are interested in learning how to advocate for themselves and help other individuals with disabilities learn to do the same. The group is self-run with support by staff from Richmond Residential Services, Inc. and strives to be a presence in their community by participating in food drives, Toys for Tots drives, the Special Olympics walk-a-thon and other types of social networking activities.
- 36. Friends of The Arc-Martinsville and surrounding counties of Henry, Patrick, and Franklin is a group of self-advocates, parents, professionals, and community members that formed to ensure individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities are fully included in the communities and have direction over their lives. Our plan is to organize as an Arc chapter that will advocate for better services and network to improve community and public policy.
- 37. Hanover Arc, Inc. serves 165 individuals with or at risk of intellectual and other developmental disabilities and their families with individualized services and supports, including resource navigation, family support, educational scholarships, recreation, transportation, respite, adaptive equipment. A volunteer-driven organization totally funded through non-public donations, Hanover Arc educates the public and advocates for the rights and inclusion of individuals with ID/DD in the community.
- 38. Hartwood Foundation, Inc. is a nonsectarian, nonprofit corporation founded by families that include a person(s) with ID/DD. Hartwood develops and provides residential and respite supports in 18 community-based group homes in the Northern Virginia and Henrico County areas, and provides services to a number of individuals who previously have resided in Virginia training centers.
- 39. **Heart Havens** is a residential program that serves individuals with intellectual disabilities. Heart Havens offers 13 group homes in Virginia, through which it serves approximately 50 individuals.
- 40. **Hope House Foundation** provides individualized supported living services for and with adults with developmental disabilities in their own homes or apartments. Currently, the organization serves more than 130 people living in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, and Virginia Beach, Virginia.

- 41. **Imagine** provides consultation and training to professionals interested in positive approaches to difficult behaviors throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. A guiding principal of the organization is that all people can be supported in community settings.
- 42. **Just People, Inc.** provides a sense of normalization in the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities by teaching life skills through residential and day support programs. Just People, Inc. currently serves three individuals that used to live in institutions who now live successfully in the organization's residential program.
- 43. Lutheran Family Services of Virginia helps adults with disabilities live fulfilling lives in their preferred community setting by providing sponsored residential services, group homes, day support, respite care and in-home support.
- 44. **Moms in Motion** is a Service Facilitation provider for Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services and a Case Management provider for DD waiver recipients. The organization serves more than 400 individuals with disabilities to ensure and protect person-centered planning.
- 45. MVLE is a nonprofit program provider under the federal AbilityOne initiative, performing contract services for numerous businesses and government agencies in the Washington DC metropolitan area and Northern Virginia. MVLE supports and employs individuals with intellectual disabilities and is an internationally accredited Community Rehabilitation provider headquartered in Springfield, Virginia.
- 46. **Niche Housing, Inc.** is creating an affordable, sustainable, universally designed cohousing community that will be an option for home ownership by the disabled, seniors and workforce families.
- 47. **Our Voices** is a self-advocacy group available to people with disabilities in Tidewater with a focus on one to one peer advocacy support, staff education and training and political action.
- 48. Parent to Parent of Virginia provides one to one emotional support to thousands of families whose children have disabilities, and technical assistance to hundreds of organizations that want to start an evidence-based peer mentoring program to provide parent to parent support.
- 49. Parents and Advocates for Special Housing Needs (PASHN, Inc.) is a non-profit organization established to develop residential opportunities for young adults with intellectual disabilities in the Williamsburg/York County/James City County area, where more than one hundred individuals are currently on the ID Waiver waiting list on urgent status.
- 50. The Partnership for People with Disabilities is recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Developmental Disabilities, as a

university center for excellence in developmental disabilities. The Partnership, housed at Virginia Commonwealth University, is home to more than 20 federal and state programs, staffed by more than 80 professionals, family members, people with disabilities, and university students supporting individuals with disabilities and their families.

- 51. The Peninsula Autism Society is an all-volunteer, parent-led organization that provides education and support to approximately 350 family members and professionals in the Williamsburg/Yorktown/Hampton/Newport News area of Virginia.
- 52. People First of Charlottesville is a group comprised primarily of individuals with disabilities whose mission is to promote self-advocacy by speaking and acting on behalf of the rights and responsibilities of all people with developmental disabilities. Being part of a People First group means being part of a grassroots network that allows people to join with regional, state, and national advocacy groups to speak up for causes and have their voice heard.
- 53. People First of Chesterfield is a Kiwanis "Aktion" club and self-advocacy group in Chesterfield County, sponsored in part by the James River Kiwanis. The group has several very active members who participate in monthly meetings, as well as state and national conferences, community service projects, social activities, and sharing educational experiences to better advocate for themselves and others with disabilities.
- 54. **People First of Northern Virginia** is a group of self-advocates who work together to learn to share their voice and advocate. People First members remain informed of issues related to people with disabilities and work to respond to these issues with the unique perspective of self-advocates.
- 55. **People 4 People** is an advocacy group comprised of approximately 30 individuals with disabilities in the Hampton Roads area. The group focuses on advocacy and public education at the local and state levels.
- 56. Positive Behavioral Supports of Virginia, PLLC provides therapeutic behavioral supports to individuals, families, schools, and providers with a focus on assisting individuals with intellectual and neurological disabilities. Services offered include Comprehensive Behavioral Assessments, the creation of Life Care Plans and a Positive Behavioral Support Plans, as well as education of clients and their families as to how best we can treat the issues at hand.
- 57. The Rappahannock Area Community Services Board (RACSB) provides public mental health, intellectual disability, substance abuse, prevention, and early intervention services to the residents of the City of Fredericksburg and Counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, and Stafford. Only one individual from the RACSB Planning District has gone to reside in a state-run training center in the past 10 years; individuals with severe and profound intellectual disabilities are

successfully supported here in the community through an integrated community-based system of care that is sensitive to individuals' needs and choices.

- 58. The Skills Development Center (SDC) teaches young adults with developmental disabilities a variety of behavioral, social, employment and independent living skills to increase independence and to become productive members of society. SDC educates the local business community to create employment opportunities and provides a Facilitated Recreation Center where young adults meet with friends and engage in meaningful and enjoyable social activities.
- 59. St. John's Community Services Virginia (SJCS) is a nonprofit, community-based organization that supports adults with intellectual, developmental, physical and other disabilities. SJCS's "support without walls," activist approach, enables people with disabilities to fully participate in and become contributors to their communities in our employment, adult day, and residential services.
- 60. Support Services of Virginia, Inc. provides community-based services to more than 150 persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities across Hampton Roads, Central, Southside and Eastern Shore Virginia. Services provided include sponsored, in-home, group home and supervised living residential services as well as day support and therapeutic consultation.
- 61. The Virginia Association of Community Rehabilitation Programs, doing business as vaACCSES, is a nonprofit association of community-based providers of employment, residential, day support and other services. All of our members are nationally accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities and provide quality services to more than 12,000 Virginians with disabilities.
- 62. Virginia APSE is the state affiliate of APSE (formerly, the Association for Persons in Supported Employment), a nation-wide organization focused on integrated employment and career advancement opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Virginia APSE works with employers to expand the growth and implementation of integrated employment services for Virginians with disabilities.
- 63. Virginia Association of Centers for Independent Living (VACIL) is a statewide association of Centers for Independent Living (CILs) that advocates for the integration and inclusion of people with disabilities into all aspects of society. The association also promotes the professional development, improvement, and expansion of community-based, consumer-controlled CILs, and promotes community education.
- 64. The Virginia Association of Community Services Boards (VACSB) is the private non-profit organization that represents Virginia's CSBs, which are Code-authorized local public agencies. The VACSB mission is to assist CSBs in achieving a publicly-funded system of quality services through public and private providers that is responsive to the needs of individuals with mental disabilities and their families,

focuses resources on effective community-based services and supports for those individuals, promotes individualized independence and recovery, ameliorates and prevents disabling conditions, and promotes education of the public to lessen stigma and inform the public about the needs of citizens with mental illness, intellectual/developmental disabilities, substance use disorders.

- 65. The Virginia Association of Personal Care Assistants (VAPCA-SEIU VA 512) is an organization of home care workers, known as Personal Care Assistants, working for the improvements to home care that we all need to ensure quality home care for older adults and people with disabilities in Virginia. By uniting together as caregivers and working in coalition with consumers and advocates, the members of VAPCA have successfully persuaded Virginia lawmakers to invest in home care, and continue to work for improvements to the long term care system, ensuring people with disabilities and older adults have the choice to live at home instead of an institution.
- 66. The Virginia Down Syndrome Alliance is a coalition of Down Syndrome Associations in the Commonwealth, dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals with Down syndrome and other intellectual and developmental disabilities by effecting positive systems change at the federal, state and local levels of government. Membership among the local Associations comprising the Alliance totals more than 1500 families.
- 67. The Virginia Network of Private Providers (VNPP, Inc.) is a trade association for organizations that are private providers of support for persons who have mental illness, developmental delay or substance use disorder and are licensed by or funded by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. Members may also be individuals who have an interest in the purposes of the Corporation and wish to stay informed of issues affecting private providers of support for persons who have mental illness, developmental delay or substance use disorder.
- 68. The Virginia Poverty Law Center (VPLC) is a non-profit organization that serves Virginia's legal aid system by providing and coordinating advocacy, training, and litigation support on civil justice issues that affect low-income Virginians. In health matters, VPLC is a key advocate in efforts to promote the development and improvement of public health insurance programs for Virginia's poor and uninsured.
- 69. Voices of Virginia is a statewide self-advocacy group for people with intellectual and other related developmental disabilities. Voices of Virginia is composed of six local self-advocacy organizations that are run by and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- 70. Wall Residences is a private provider of residential support for individuals with intellectual disabilities and intensive support needs. Wall Residences currently supports 380 people in 230 homes.