



**Associated Production Services, Inc.**

**The Packaging Performance People™**  
*Empowering Disabled Workers*

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Dear Friends,

You all know that as a team we have been working diligently to express our comments regarding the proposed changes in the ODP regulations that affect APS. We can be proud of the content and respect that has characterized all of our communication to date.

You can be pleased and proud that the multitude of visits by officials and members of the press has given us a wonderful chance to present our program and show the enthusiasm and energy of our workers. All are impressed and anxious to support our effort for it to remain a vocational choice for our clients.

Much of my efforts have been centered on developing a communicative relationship with other workshops, county officers, legislators, ODP and the Department of Human Services personnel. As with your comments and letters our dialog is forthright and respectful. We are obviously not in agreement, we are all passionate; yet we agree to advocate and listen so that all thoughts, opinions and effects on lives and families are made known and acknowledged.

I have what I feel is very good news but I need your understanding and help to insure the greatest potential outcome. I reached out to Nancy Thaler, the Deputy Secretary of the PA Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Programs, and she graciously agreed to come and visit APS with two of her staff. This is a unique opportunity; really, I view it an honor and privilege to meet with her. I am going to ask you to please accept my decision that this is a private visit. I will hopefully have several hours to present our program and review these proposed changes from our view but more importantly your view.

Please allow me to demonstrate to you that I can and will be a good steward in representing you; your challenges, spirit and commitment to do what you believe is best for your loved ones and their vocational lives.

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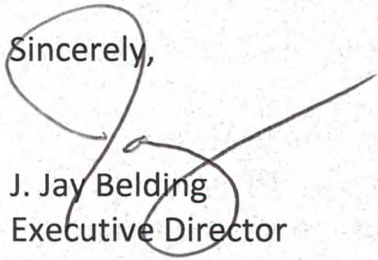
I am asking respectfully that we have no legislators, press, media, support coordinators, parents or visitors of any kind.

Please also know that I have been asked by Representative DiGirolamo to prepare written testimony for the rally/hearing on March 13<sup>th</sup>. I will post it on our website for your review.

Thank you for extending your trust in me. I promise to advocate as completely and passionately as I am able.

Please stay in touch with our correspondence posted on our website under Transition Plan.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director