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Dear Members of the 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Waiver Task Force,

The Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities is pleased to support the recommendations put forward by the 1915(c) Coalition comprised of the Kentucky Association of Private Providers, the Kentucky Association of Adult Day Centers, the Kentucky Association of Regional Providers, and Neuro Restorative.

The Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities works independently through federal funding to support programs that promote self-determination, integration, and inclusion for all people in the Commonwealth with developmental disabilities. Our mission is to advocate for policy that empowers people with developmental disabilities to participate as an equal member of society. In our view, the actions recommended by the 1915(c) Coalition help to advance that mission.

Our organization has voiced our support for the Task Force's goal of redesigning waiver services to meet the needs of Kentuckians with complex medical needs. Implementing immediate and permanent reimbursement rate increases will improve the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities by allowing them to access the full complement of medical services available in Kentucky and by attracting highly trained direct service providers.

We hope that you will consider the Coalition's recommendations when preparing your Task Force's recommendations to redesign waiver services to meet Kentucky's needs.

Sincerely,

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