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Dear Fellow Hoosiers with Disabilities:

This letter signifies an opportunity for YOU to be at the heart of statewide decision-making for your peers with disabilities in Indiana! The Indiana Statewide Independent Living Council (INSILC) is seeking new Council Members and invites you to apply to **Be The Voice** of Independent Living in Indiana.

INSILC is a 501c3 nonprofit disability advocacy organization and governor-appointed council, independent and autonomous from the state. INSILC (and its staff) are led and directed by Hoosier leaders with disabilities. It is this lived experience of disability that makes the organization unique and drives it to diligently advocate and address the needs and concerns of the disability community ensuring no decisions that impact us are made without our input and direction. INSILC operates as the administrative and statewide advocacy body for the Indiana Independent Living Network, providing oversight of the Indiana State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). Using its platform to advocate for meaningful change within the disability community, it works to empower its peers with disabilities to lead and control their own lives.

INSILC recognizes that the disability community intersects with other marginalized communities, like LGBTQ+ communities and communities of color. And that the voices, perspectives and life experiences of our peers with disabilities most marginalized are currently missing from the Council. INSILC understands the extreme importance of ensuring space for our peers with disabilities facing varying and intersecting marginalization and how integral these voices are to leading and directing the work of the Council. As INSILC expands its work on the Disability Justice front addressing multiple points of systemic oppression, meaningful collaboration with communities of other marginalized identities is key to creating and facilitating leadership opportunities for ALL Hoosiers with disabilities. Therefore, INSILC will be prioritizing applicants who are individuals with disabilities, especially with multiple-marginalized identities/experiences.

If interested in applying to serve on INSILC, please complete the INSILC Membership Application and state-required background form located at www.INSILC.org/about and submit these to the INSILC Executive Director, Amber O'Haver, at aohaver@insilc.org.

For questions or any application/submission accommodation needs, please contact the INSILC Executive Director, Amber O'Haver, at aohaver@insilc.org.

Much love & solidarity,

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