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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today to express support for O'Keefe Educational Media and their project to create Disability Connection-an internet Resource Center for People with Disabilities. Information and links to information on tourism will be an important part of this resource center project. This will truly enhance education, independence, and quality of life for persons with disabilities. It will also encourage greater facilitation of tourism experiences for that population and hopefully will make providers in the hospitality and tourism industries more aware of the needs of persons with disabilities.

On behalf of the Harrison County Tourism Commission and the staff of the Gulf Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau, we heartily endorse this effort and commend it to those who are in a position to financially support this project.

Sincerely,



Richard Forester, Executive Director