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People First of Connecticut is a statewide self advocacy organization founded in 1989 to promote equality for individuals who have disabilities. Our governing resolutions include the premise that all people, regardless of ability or disability, are treated with respect and dignity, have the right to meaningful, purposeful jobs and are entitled to all rights and freedoms as an American and citizen of Connecticut.

People First of Connecticut supports proposed S.B. 498 requesting bond monies to finance the construction of a new building for MARC, Inc. of Manchester. MARC, Inc.'s mission and goals reflect many of the same philosophies we promote including personal choice, education, inclusion and advocacy.

Financing this worthwhile cause will benefit both the local and surrounding communities, leading to greater opportunities for people with disabilities and promote equality for all.

Respectfully submitted,

People First of Connecticut