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To Whom it May Concern:

The Disability Resource Center of Fairfield County is a non-profit, community based organization committed to empowering individuals with disabilities overcome barriers to living independently in the community. The CT Fair Housing Center has been a critical partner in our efforts to help people with disabilities retain their housing and sometimes obtain new housing opportunities by preventing the discriminatory practices that are unfortunately still widespread.

These discriminatory practices include illegal evictions, failure to provide reasonable accommodations and illegal screening questions that discourage people with disabilities from obtaining housing. On a daily basis, we at DRCFC, receive calls from people with disabilities who are losing their housing and are at risk of homelessness. Some of these individuals are losing their housing through illegal or discriminatory housing practices. CT Fair housing Center is the most accessible resource available to people with disabilities that we know of. The consumers we refer, receive expert advice from CT Fair Housing Center's lawyers and legal staff, and some have retained their housing and avoided homelessness as a result. We are impressed with the responsiveness of Fair Housing staff in responding to our referrals.

Staff at CT Fair Housing Center have also been available to our organization to provide advice on assisting our consumers when their housing is in jeopardy through periodic in-services as well as case-specific advice.

Sincerely,



Glenn Clafin  
Program Director  
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