



**Ohio Association of County Boards**  
*Serving People with Developmental Disabilities*



VIA HAND DELIVERY

January 6, 2011

Dear Governor-Elect John Kasich,

On behalf of The Arc of Ohio, the Ohio Association of County Boards Serving People with Developmental Disabilities and the Ohio Provider Resource Association, we are pleased to offer our support for your decision that John Martin continue as Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. John Martin has demonstrated excellence in his leadership, stewardship of public dollars and improving the lives of Ohioans with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Under John Martin's leadership, our service system has transformed from a fractured, divided system to a collaborative, civil working environment focused on long term sustainability. Through John's skilled approach, our system has accomplished much. He implemented three major budget reductions with stakeholders' input, while agreeing on a plan for long-term sustainability; reduced state staff while serving more people in need; designed and implemented systems to achieve administrative efficiencies; made significant progress to resolve fundamental disagreements between county authorities, private providers, families, the state, consumers and the federal government; and generally improved the lives of Ohioans with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

We recognize the significant fiscal difficulties facing our great state. You can count on our unwavering commitment to work with you and your administration to find creative and sustainable solutions for the system of services and supports for Ohioans with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are optimistic, knowing that John Martin will be leading this effort as part of your administration.

Sincerely,

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