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Donna Jodhan  
Steering Committee Member  
Barrier Free Canada

Re: Easter Seals Canada's Letter in Support of Barrier-Free Canada

With enthusiasm, Easter Seals Canada expresses complete support of Barrier-Free Canada's federal and legislative initiatives of creating a more inclusive Canada.

We at Easter Seals Canada echo the goals and principals of Barrier-Free Canada. Our mission is dedicated to fully enhancing the quality of life, self-esteem and self-determination of Canadians living with disabilities. This includes providing programs such as fully accessible summer camps for kids with disabilities and support in removing financial barriers to adaptive equipment, travel, and entertainment. We believe that full participation in the democratic process is essential to advance the interests of people with disabilities, which is why in 2015, Easter Seals Canada partnered with Elections Canada to promote their accessible voting tools and services. Our programs, services, and partnerships resonate the principals of Barrier-Free Canada.

Easter Seals Canada fully endorses Barrier-Free Canada's continuing efforts to enact a strong and effective Canadians with Disabilities Act with the goal of realizing a barrier-free Canada for all Canadians with disabilities.

Sincerely,

Dave Starrett  
President & CEO  
Easter Seals Canada

**Committed to fully enhancing the quality of life, self esteem and self determination of Canadians with disabilities.**

**Nous nous engageons envers l'amélioration totale de la qualité de vie, l'estime de soi et l'autodétermination des Canadiens handicapés**

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