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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 6, 2025

TO: The Honorable Members of the Delaware General Assembly

FROM: Ann C. Fisher, Chairperson

GACEC

RE: House Substitute 1 to House Bill No. 48 Accessible Parking Spaces

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) would like to reiterate our support for the provisions of House Substitute 1 to House Bill (HB) No. 48. Council provided thanks to the sponsors of HB in March and offered our full support at that time. Council continues to offer our <u>full support</u> of House Substitute 1 to House Bill No. 48 and look forward to its passage.

As stated in our earlier letter, this legislation is dearly needed in Delaware. We appreciate the efforts of Representative Neal and Senator Poore to bring this bill forward to aid individuals with disabilities. It is our hope that reiterating the parking requirements of the ADA, defining the additional Delaware requirements, as well as increasing penalties for disregarding the laws governing those spaces will keep people from ignoring the law.

Thank you again for this proposed legislation. We applaud your efforts and look forward to working with you on other issues affecting the disability community. Please feel free to contact me or Pam Weir at the GACEC office should you have any questions on disability issues.

CC: The Honorable Shanté Hastings, Secretary, Delaware Department of Transportation