



*For people with intellectual
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Governor Healey and Attorney General Campbell:

Thank you for your continued commitment to the disability community, particularly as we continue to face significant challenges and concerns from federal actions.

We write to you today as members of the **IDD-Autism Alliance**. Led by The Arc of Massachusetts, this coalition brings together the leading advocacy organizations for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism in Massachusetts. The undersigned organizations write to you to share concerns about a recent memo challenging decades of established civil rights protections.

On June 18, 2026, the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Office of Legal Counsel issued a memo saying that federal disability rights laws do not give people the right to live in their own homes and communities. Specifically, the memo says that neither Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) nor Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act require states to provide services to people with disabilities in the most integrated setting appropriate. This memo flies in the face of decades of well-established law and the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Olmstead v. L.C.* The DOJ's new position is a complete reversal of the position it has taken over the 27 years since the *Olmstead* decision.

This is an important moment for states to reaffirm their commitment to home- and community-based services. **We urge you to please sign [this statement](#), along with leaders from other states, rejecting the *Olmstead* memo.** Drafted by leading national disability rights groups, including The Arc of the United States, this statement reaffirms Massachusetts' commitment to serving people with disabilities in their own homes and communities.

Information on how to sign the statement can be found [here](#). Background information can be found [here](#).

Thank you for your support and for your commitment to community integration. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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