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November 2, 1973

Dr. Jerome Schein, Consultant
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Dear Dr. Schein:

The NRA Task Force on Deafness commends you as chairman, and members of the joint sub-committee of the NRA Task Force on Deafness and the CSAVR Committee on Deafness for the development of the Model Statewide Plan for Rehabilitation Services to Deaf Individuals.

The model plan is timely and pertinent to the rehabilitation needs of persons who are deaf. The NRA Task Force on Deafness plans to utilize the model plan as the major vehicle for discussion toward implementation at the forthcoming Congress on Deafness Rehabilitation in February, 1974.

Further, the Model Statewide Plan received the approval of the NRA Board of Directors at their meeting in Atlantic City. Please note the attached letter from President Prickett.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of persons who are deaf.

Sincerely,

Jack Hutchison, Chairman
NRA Task Force on Deafness

November 5, 1973

Dr. Jack Hutchison, Chairman
NRA Task Force on Deafness
9200 Wisconsin Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20014

Dear Dr. Hutchison:

The National Rehabilitation Association Board of Directors, in session in Atlantic City, New Jersey, October 31, 1973, commended the efforts of the NRA Task Force on Deafness. Further, the NRA Board of Directors accepted in principle the Model Statewide Plan for Rehabilitation Services to Deaf Individuals and encourages its members to utilize the principles and programs contained in the plan.

The NRA Board recognizes the combined subcommittee of the NRA Task Force on Deafness and the CSAVR Committee on Deafness in the joint development of the model plan, and commends their efforts.

The NRA Board encourages the use of the model plan in the forthcoming Congress on Deafness Rehabilitation and endorses its principles.

Sincerely,

John S. Prickett, Jr., President
National Rehabilitation Association

November 1, 1973

Dr. Jerome D. Schein, Editor
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Dear Dr. Schein:

I am writing to express my appreciation to you and the members of your committee who developed the Model State Plan for serving deaf people. I have reviewed the plan carefully, and wish to give my full endorsement to the concepts contained therein.

I have been involved in activities in the field of rehabilitation of deaf people since 1962, and my experience has been that statewide services for the deaf have been woefully inadequate because of the absence of a comprehensive statewide plan for providing the wide variety of services that deaf people need. Services appropriate for deaf people have generally been either non-existent or fragmented, with very little coordination of efforts.

The Model State Plan that you and your committee have developed is well-conceptualized, reasonable, and entirely feasible. It is my hope that every state will adopt this plan, for only by coordination of efforts according to a plan such as yours can we hope to provide meaningful services to deaf people.

The members of the Executive Board of the Professional Rehabilitation Workers With the Adult Deaf are familiar with your plan and are most enthusiastic about possibilities for its adoption by state Vocational Rehabilitation agencies. At our next meeting, scheduled for February 11, 1974, I plan to introduce a resolution commending you and your committee and formally endorsing the Model State Plan.

Sincerely,

Larry G. Stewart, Ed.D.
President, PRWAD