



Pennsylvania Advocates and Resources
for Autism and Intellectual Disabilities



August 24, 2023

The Honorable Josh Shapiro, Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Subject: NADSP Letter of Support

Dear Governor Shapiro,

We are writing to support our colleague Joe Macbeth's request and invitation for you to welcome and address the National Alliance of Direct Support Professionals during their upcoming annual conference in Pittsburgh on September 8-9. As noted in his letter, Pennsylvania has emerged as a national leader in the pursuit of credentialing opportunities offered through the award-winning NADSP E-Badge Academy.

Over 50,000 Direct Support Professionals serve Pennsylvanians with intellectual disabilities and autism, and their families, across our local communities. NADSP diligently advocates for the dignity and respect of its members and those they serve, while always promoting a lifetime of choice and independence. We are grateful for our collaboration with Joe and NADSP, and for their valuable contributions to support our Direct Support Professional workforce through their mission of advancing knowledge, skills, and values.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your ongoing support of the intellectual disability community across the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

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