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Dear Mr. Delorme:

The Miami-Dade County Commission On Disability Issues (CODI) wishes to express its appreciation to the Marlins organization for its June 11, 2009 presentation to CODI on the design of the Miami Marlins Ballpark. CODI is especially satisfied by your request for our direct involvement in every aspect of the project, from planning and design of the facility to development of policies and procedures.

At our monthly meeting on June 24, 2009, CODI discussed the information presented to us regarding the ballpark design. A motion was passed to issue an official opinion supporting the design of the Miami Marlins Ballpark as presented to us on June 11, 2009.

At that meeting, members of CODI were especially assured that the ballpark would have the following features:

- At least 10 unisex/family bathrooms in addition to at least one accessible stall in each bank of restrooms. Accessible stalls will be placed away from the entrance to the restroom as a deterrent for improper use. We also support signage on accessible restrooms for this purpose. CODI's suggested language for such signage is: "Priority given to people with disabilities," accompanied by the International Symbol of Access. CODI would like to encourage the use of public service announcements about the improper use of these restrooms by the general public.
- Accessible seating at every price point throughout the stadium to ensure that people with disabilities can have the same option to sit in the area of their choice as the general public.
- A covered designated drop off and pickup point for users of Miami-Dade County's Paratransit system.

Additionally, as you will recall, there was much discussion at this meeting concerning the needs of people who are blind or have low vision as well as people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Because accessibility means more than physical access to the built environment, CODI supports designated accessible seating being made available to fans with vision and hearing disability in addition to fans with mobility impairments. CODI would like to see removable chairs to accommodate companions who use wheelchairs.

As CODI was assured at the June 11 meeting, we expect to be a kept abreast of the Marlin Ballpark's progress as this project continues to evolve to remain an integral part of the planning process for the Marlins Ballpark.

Sincerely,

Damian P. Gregory, Chair
CODI