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****Draft letter of support for the disability pride festival.****

To [Madison Arts Commission/Dane arts Commission]

My Name is Will Ringland and I'm writing as the Chair of the Madison Disability Rights Commission. I am pleased to offer the most full-throated support for the Disability Pride Festival (DPF) as they seek grant funding to help with their event.

DPF is an institution in Madison. They have been the most consistent voice for the disability in the 11 years they have existed. They care in meaningful and effective ways that shows the disability community they've have a real ally in the organizers. I do not think I, personally and as a person with a disability, would feel as comfortable in the city were it not for the efforts put into DPF by Kate Moran and Jason Glozier.

I strongly encourage approval of the grant they seek. Fostering spaces in the city that create safe places for folks otherwise infrequently recognized, let alone celebrated and centered in the conversation, is exactly the city we should seek to foster.

I and the Disability Rights Commission support and endorse Disability Pride's work in the space. We're lucky to have them.

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