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To Whom it May Concern:

The Naperville Senior Task Force (NSTF) is writing to support the Accessibility Task Force's concept of Visitability. After discussions and presentations by Mary Hamill and Vicki Ponzo, we have realized the difficulties that Persons with Disabilities have in doing a simple task like visiting their relatives and friends.

We applaud their advocacy to enhance the building codes to support such things as a zero-step entrance, minimum 36" widths for ground-floor doorways and 42" for hallways, and ground floor bathroom blocking added to the underlying structure to ease the installation of grab bars. It is an inclusive design approach integrating a few core accessibility features as mentioned above resulting in routine construction practices. It also ensures further compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). As evidenced by surrounding communities that have had these codes in existence for many years, it has not added to the cost of building.

We encourage the City of Naperville to include this design feature in their building codes, so all members of the community feel welcomed and accommodated.

Thank you for your consideration,

The Naperville Senior Task Force