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Mr. Ken Sider  
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Dear Mr. Sider,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for corresponding with this office regarding Assembly bill 2242. I certainly appreciated hearing from you and receiving the DVD entitled Disability Awareness.

I have to tell you that I was very impressed by the contents of this DVD. Your students did a wonderful job in expressing their disability awareness and watching them physically attempt to overcome obstacles that disabled persons face every day was very powerful. I would like to acknowledge and thank your students for a job well done and would ask that you pass along to them, that as a result of their presentation on disability awareness, I have signed onto Assembly bill 2242 as a co-sponsor!

As you so eloquently stated in your letter to me, "compassion begins with understanding and understanding inspires the will to make changes". Having said that, please know that I agree with you whole-heartedly and appreciate your efforts in encouraging your students to make a difference in the lives of those that are disabled.

Sincerely

William Magee  
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