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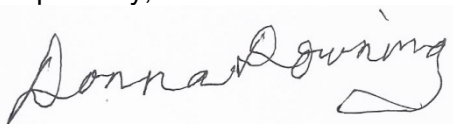
People of the world retain their freedom through access to education, inclusion in society, participation in government, and the right to be heard. The Autism National Committee, formed in 1990, is a partnership of people with autism, family members, professionals and allies. AUTCOM is dedicated to protect and advance the human rights and civil rights of all persons with autism, pervasive developmental disorder, and related differences of communication and behavior.

The Board of Directors has reviewed the pronouncement from ISAAC outlining the procedures to be followed by ISAAC in preparing a position statement on Facilitated Communication. FC, now more commonly referred to as Supported Typing, has been the path to freedom for thousands of people around the world, many of whom have autism. Studies have been conducted of individuals who began with full support but who subsequently developed independent typing.

The criteria for acceptance of studies and reports in ISAAC's pronouncement has raised concerns among our Board and broader membership. The emergence of new methodologies of assisting people with autism has gone hand in hand with new evaluation techniques. ISAAC is encouraged to include new methodologies and INPUT FROM PEOPLE WHO BEGAN WITH FC AND WHO ARE NOW INDEPENDENT TYPERS in preparing its position statement.

Our organizations have in common the desire to seek communication access for everyone. We look forward to this goal being expressed in your upcoming position statement.

Respectfully,



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Attached: AUTCOM Policy and Principles Regarding Facilitated Communication