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Florida Housing Finance Corporation  
Tallahassee, Florida

RE: Kaden Place Group Home  
The Arc of Jacksonville  
6233 118<sup>th</sup> Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32244

Waiver - Kitchen Countertop Heights

A waiver is requested for the height of kitchen countertops for the proposed Kaden Place group home which will under construction in the next few months.

Justification

The kitchen (see attached building plans) was designed to accommodate the physical needs of residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities, in addition to staff members without disabilities who will be responsible for meal preparations.

A large ADA peninsular (lower countertop and cabinets)) has been designed with easy access for residents who would like to assist staff with meal preparation or to use as a bar for eating or other activities. The kitchen sink is also ADA accessible with swinging lower doors which allows for wheelchair access.

A waiver is requested to install regular height countertops in other areas of the kitchen, including counters next to the double ovens to accommodate a comfortable work height and area for staff who will prepare three daily meals. The kitchen ovens and stove tops will not be used by residents due to their significant challenges and safety concerns.

If you should have any questions or need clarification please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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