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Robert Michaels  
Chair  
Arizona Statewide Independent Living Council  
Disability Empowerment Center, Suite 214  
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Phoenix AZ 85034

Letitia M. Labrecque  
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Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Mr. Michaels and Ms. Labrecque:

The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) acknowledges the Arizona submission through the RSA website of the FY 2014-2016 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) in the form of the assurances (Part I) and narratives (Part II) in compliance with Title VII, Section 704 of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, as amended (Rehabilitation Act).

RSA has reviewed and approved the SPIL, after ensuring its conformity with statutory provisions of the Rehabilitation Act, implementing regulations and administrative requirements of RSA. Both the DSU and the SILC are responsible for ensuring that the SPIL assurances and activities are implemented in accordance with federal requirements. In accordance with the approval of the SPIL, RSA is making available to Arizona its Title VII, IL Part B grant award effective October 1, 2013.

The approved FY 2014-2016 SPIL will be published by RSA and made available to the public on the RSA website by October 1, 2013. Independent living stakeholders, who wish to read the SPIL, may visit <http://rsa.ed.gov>, select the appropriate state, search for "Independent Living State Grants Program" and select "SPIL."

If you and your staff have questions related to this review or the approval of the FY 2014-2016 SPIL, please contact your IL Unit representative, Deborah Cotter, by telephone at (202) 245-7361 or electronically at [deborah.cotter@ed.gov](mailto:deborah.cotter@ed.gov).

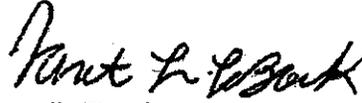
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*The Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access.*

We appreciate your continuing efforts to promote the independent living, empowerment and community integration of individuals with significant disabilities in your state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet LaBreck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Janet LaBreck  
Commissioner

cc: Deborah Cotter  
Sean Barrett  
Tony DiRenzi