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*To Whom It Concerns Re: Reasonable Accommodation Request* 

I am a person with a disability as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Fair Housing Act, and the NC Fair Housing Act. This means I have a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more of my major life activities. My disability limits me from consistently understanding information that is given to me, either verbally or in writing, and from caring for myself in most of the necessities in daily life.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on various protected classes, including disability. Discrimination includes refusing to make reasonable accommodations in modifications of rules, policies and guidelines put in place when such accommodations may be necessary to afford me the the opportunity to enjoy a dwelling of my choice as a disabled man. I am requesting the following reasonable accommodations so that I might enjoy a home in the community to the same extent as individuals without disabilities. In order to ensure I have equal access to my home I am requesting a reasonable accommodation to have my sister, Melissa Ball, be the point of contact for any communications you would typically have with me. She is able to explain things to me in a way so I may understand. She is also my Power of Attorney. Please contact her at (252) 424-4047 or email her at <u>Meller68@gmail.com</u> if you ever need to contact me.

I am also requesting a Reasonable Accommodation to extend the date the housing vouchers which are currently set to run out on 11/13/2021. We are having a very hard time finding dwellings that can accommodate my needs and have been put on multiple waiting lists with no ideas on how long it may be to have an opening. I need something on the ground level in an apartment complex, a single family home with a very minimal number of stairs to an entry door or that a ramp can be built to provide access at a later date if needed, a complex that provides an elevator or a unit with 2 levels having one bedroom on the first level. I have just been diagnosed with severe degenerative disc disease and multiple sclerosis that may involve surgery and I foresee the assistance of a wheelchair, walker or other medical device to assist while recovering. I will also need grab bars in the bathroom installed if not already provided. I can provide medical documents if needed.

I wish to continue living with my sister who is well suited to continue as my caregiver while keeping our family together. It is very important to me that I am afforded every chance to do so. I still require full time assistance with preparing meals, getting to doctor appointments and handling my health needs and medications, grocery shopping and maintaining a clean and habitable dwelling. place make sure I remain in good health so as I can enjoy a long and happy life. I also am offered the chance for me making my own decisions as well as having the ability of being independent for as long as I can in my daily life.

Finally, I am requesting a Reasonable Accommodation allowing our emotional support dogs as well as our two cats to reside in the residence regardless of breed, weight or a " no pet" policy that may be in place. They are essential in providing me the mental support to afford me the ability to overcome obstacles in daily life associated with my disabilities. It also fills me with a sense of pride knowing that I am a"caregiver" also.

I am submitting these requests as outlined by the Fair Housing Act to assure me the equal opportunity to reside in a dwelling of my choice and allow me to maintain a comfortable quality of life in my own home. This is only possible with your acceptance to slightly modify some qualifications and criteria you may have in place that would disqualify me the opportunity as a disabled man to accessibly live in this dwelling.

I would appreciate it if you could please review this request in a timely manner. Please feel free to contact my sister, Melissa, should you have any questions or if you wish to discuss this request further. We look forward to working with you.

Thank You,

Jeffrey S. Donchevich

Melissa S. Ball (point of contact)