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Peer Action Disability Support

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Jerry Mrozinski

McDonald’s Hamburgers

1225 1st Avenue SE

Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

RE:      Accessibility Persons with Disabilities

            McDonald’s Hamburgers, 1530 1st Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids

Dear Mr. Mrozinski:

First and foremost PADS would like to congratulate you on the award you recently received from the Connor Center. Your efforts at making McDonald’s on 1st Avenue accessible are much appreciated by both PADS members and the public at large. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the shelves behind the booth nearest the bathrooms still present a barrier to accessibility for people with mobility impairments. Before we ask the press to report on the positive changes you have made, and the differences that those changes make in the lives of people with disabilities, we want to make sure that all the requested changed have been made.

In addition to the shelves near the bathrooms, PADS has identified another change that would be easy and inexpensive to make, yet would greatly enhance accessibility for people with disabilities. Adding another van accessible sign to the wall in front of the accessible parking spot directly to the left of the spot where the van accessible sign is now posted would be beneficial for several reasons. First, with the access aisle in the middle, people with disabilities will be able to exit their vehicle on either side. This is important because some passengers need to exit on the right side of their vehicle, and some need to exit on the left. In addition, adding a new van accessible sign will bring you into compliance with the new ADAAGs once they are adopted by the Department of Justice. This means that you will not need to re-stripe your lot once the new regulations are adopted.

Once again, congratulations on your award and thank you for your continuing cooperation in improving accessibility for people with disabilities. Once the last few changes are completed we can go ahead and generate some much-deserved positive press for McDonald’s on 1st Avenue.

Sincerely,

Cheri Clark

Chairperson PADS

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CC: PADS Executive Committee, University of Iowa Clinical Law Program