It is very important for people with disabilities and family members to write to Governor Murphy to let him and his administration know about the concerns facing people with disabilities during the coronavirus pandemic. Below is a sample letter to use as a guide to composing your letter. Remember your situation is unique. If you need help writing a letter or have questions, contact Luke Koppisch, Deputy Director, Alliance Center for Independence at lkoppisch@adacil.org

**Before you start… Consider these:**

* **Be short and to the point.**
* **Keep letter to a few easy to read paragraphs**
* **Stick to one issue or topic (I.e. lack of masks/ gloves).**
* **Talk about how you are personally affected by the issue (My son has autism and he needs me by his side if he ever has to go into the hospital, who will be with him if I am unable to?)**
* **Click on here for a list of concerns ACI shared with the governor or add your own:** [**https://www.adacil.org/latest-updates/coronavirus-concerns**](https://www.adacil.org/latest-updates/coronavirus-concerns)

**Email letter to:**

**Paul S. Aronsohn -Ombudsman for Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities and Their Families Paul.Aronsohn@treas.nj.gov**

**And Christine Bakter, Assistant Ombudsman** **Christine.Bakter@treas.nj.gov**

April 7, 2020

Governor Phil Murphy

Office of the Governor

225 West Street

Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor Murphy:

I am a person with (tell what the disability is) (or family member of a person with a disability). I live in(town).

The coronavirus epidemic has had a profound impact on my life and the lives of all New Jerseyans. But like most emergencies and disasters, people with disabilities are disproportionately more affected than those without disabilities. NJ’s disabled population is still struggling to gain access to vital resources and services more than a month into the crisis.

I am writing to share my concern I am facing during the coronavirus epedeminc.

(Briefy tell your story/situation)

Governor Murphy, I hope that you and your adminstration will address these concerns and the concerns of all New Jerseyans with disabilites. I can be reached at

Thank you

Sincerely,

(You name)