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Mr. David Morrissey  
Executive Director  
United States International Council on Disabilities  
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Dear Mr. Morrissey,

The American Association on Health and Disability (AAHD) supports your joint project with the University of Iowa’s WiderNet project to collaborate with the United States International Council on Disabilities (USICD) to produce and distribute a Global Disability Rights Library for use in both developed and developing countries. AAHD applauds your efforts to use an “internet in a box” technology to deliver digital resources to people beyond the reach of the Internet.

The mission of AAHD is to advance health promotion and wellness initiatives for children and adults with disabilities through research, education, policy and public awareness. Through our active list serves, newsletters, AAHD Health Promotion Resource Center (www.aahd.us) and peer reviewed Disability and Health Journal, AAHD serves to improve the quality of life and access for people with disabilities via information dissemination and empowerment. The efforts of the Global Disability Rights Library will work to bridge the gap for disability organizations, policy makers, people with disabilities and family members in developing countries by increasing knowledge.

We wish you success in your efforts to make the Global Disability Rights Network a success. AAHD looks forward to collaborating with USICD on this and other projects.

Sincerely,

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