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May 24, 2018

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Los Angeles, CA 90017

RE: Attorney General's Civil Rights Task Force on Probate Conservatorships

Hon. Xavier Becerra:

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TASH is aware of and supports the advocacy efforts of Spectrum Institute for guardianship and conservatorship reform in California and nationally. Spectrum Institute has engaged in extensive research, education, and advocacy efforts to reform state guardianship / conservatorship systems to ensure they provide access to justice and due process to people with disabilities, and consider less restrictive alternatives to guardianship.

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