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Submitted by e-mail - ophelia.mclain@acl.hhs.gov.

**Re: Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection;
Public Comment Request: of the One Protection and Advocacy Annual
Program Performance Report OMB #0985-0063**

Dear Ms. McLain:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed collection of information regarding the One Protection and Advocacy Annual Program Performance Report. The National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) and the 57 Protection and Advocacy (P&A) agencies we represent believe that this iteration of the One (PPR) is an excellent opportunity to further the work in standardizing the PPRs that the P&As do for all their programs as well as ensure that the data collected is as clear and useful as possible.

Yearly, P&A agencies are required to produce a Program Performance Report (PPR) for the ACL programs as well as up to 4 other programs administered by P&A agencies. These PPRs contain a wealth of information, including an evaluation of whether the program has met the goals and priorities developed for the year with input from the community and the individuals that the P&A agency serves. However, the selections in Part 1.C Gender of Individuals Served

We believe the choices for the gender demographic question, nor the two answers, appropriately reflect the time in which we live. It is not uncommon for P&A staff, to feel constrained by the traditional definitions of female and male.

We believe the choices should be the following four: Male, Female, Not Listed, and Chose Not To Answer

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on this collection of information and believe this change necessary. Please be in touch with Zach Martin of my staff at zachary.martin@ndrn.org or 202-480-7405 if you have any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Curt Decker", written in a cursive style.

Curt Decker
Executive Director