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Mr Christos Iliopoulos
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Chris

Thank you for presenting your Freedom Housing model of support to me. In our view the unique value proposition of the model is its "family centred" approach to supporting a person with disabilities. In our experience people with disabilities requiring residential support usually have limited options such a group home or nursing home support. In each case the person is required to live separate from their family in order to receive the level of care required. This separation can and does create complex issues for many people and family members. Some people experience significant grief and loss associated with separation. In some instances this can manifest into secondary health issues such as anxiety and depression.

The freedom housing model offers an opportunity and choice for people with high support needs to receive the level of support required without the loss of their family life. People with disabilities need to be able to choose where they live and how they live just like all other members of the community. We support the principle of the Freedom Housing model and would recommend that it is worthy of a trial.

I wish you well in your endeavours and look forward to hearing about your progress.

Yours sincerely

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