

LEADING THE FIGHT TO END DUCHENNE

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Dear Mrs. Erwin:

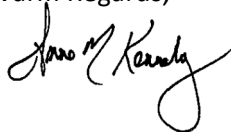
On behalf of the national Duchenne community and Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy (PPMD), I am delighted to provide support to All Wheels Up, Inc for your mission of providing accessible air travel options for people with disabilities. PPMD believes that such access is critical in ensuring that our community members have educational, employment, and medical options.

PPMD is the world's largest organization focused on Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Duchenne is a progressive disease diagnosed in early childhood that affects skeletal muscle and the cardiac and pulmonary systems. Individuals diagnosed with Duchenne typically lose ambulation by middle school and access the world through the use of power mobility equipment such as power wheelchairs through adulthood.

Due to an increase in life expectancy, teens and men living with Duchenne now are pursuing advanced academic degrees, having families, and achieving great career success. But these men are placed at great disadvantage when competing for jobs and selecting universities or recreational travel destinations as air travel presents a tremendous – often insurmountable – barrier. Additionally, as the Duchenne therapeutic landscape advances, potentially life-saving clinical trial and novel treatment opportunities often require air travel to trial sites in other states. Again, the participation barrier is often considered insurmountable due to the burden of air travel for passengers who use wheelchairs. The innovations around in-cabin wheelchair restraints being proposed by All Wheels Up, Inc would be a game-changer for the Duchenne community, not only opening a world of travel options – but potentially also a world of therapeutic options, as well.

Your work on airline accessibility is not just ensuring the civil rights of people with disabilities, but is also helping to ensure equal access to educational, employment, and medical options for Americans with disabilities. PPMD is proud to support your efforts and eager to work alongside you in any capacity appropriate.

Warm Regards,



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