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Ms. Hilary Kellogg
Director of Government Relations
Special Olympics New York
504 Balltown Road
Schenectady, NY 12304

Dear Ms. Kellogg:

The passing of the founder of Special Olympics, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, was a great loss for New York State, the nation and the world. Her vision, passion and spirit in her life's work shaping the Special Olympics organization has allowed for people with intellectual disabilities to come out of the darkness and are now accepted contributing members of society. As a parent of a son with intellectual disabilities, I am truly grateful for the flame that Eunice has been able to kindle and still continues to burn brightly within the three million Special Olympics athletes around the globe and the dedicated volunteers and sponsors who make the events my child still participates in possible.

Eunice Kennedy Shriver's legacy will live on in all who she touched and the millions whose lives have been improved because of who she was and how she lived. I am hopeful that the quest that Eunice began to bring about inclusion, dignity and acceptance for all people with intellectual disabilities through sports will live on for eternity. This letter is a tribute to Eunice's historic legacy and dedication to propelling the disabilities movement in the United States and around the globe.

Very truly yours,

Dennis H. Gabryszak
NYS Assemblyman, 143rd District