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**James J. Tedesco III**  
County Executive  
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**Jane Linter**  
Director

Dear Honorable Ridgewood Mayor and Council,

Bergen County Human Services and its Division of Disability Services commend the Ridgewood Mayor and Council for their leadership and foresight in continuing your leadership role by making permanent through ordinance the mission, function and goal of your highly successful Access for All committee. We support your efforts and applaud you.

It has been a rewarding journey for Bergen County Human Services to have helped promote the establishment of similar Access for All committees across the Bergen County map. We now have 28 Access for All committees among our municipalities. That is a remarkable accomplishment as we recognize that it was through the foresight of the Village of Ridgewood that this initiative was born.

Ridgewood was the very first municipality to host a weekend of celebratory events spotlighting the accessibility and achievement of our differently abled residents who have the right to live and work in the spirit of equality within our communities. Your work raised the awareness and consciousness of all of us in community and civic leadership. I am proud of the partnership we have established through the commitment and efforts of our Bergen County Division of Disability Services with strong support from our Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders. I am pleased to report that our Bergen County communities have heard your call and have responded.

We are grateful for Mayor Aronsohn and the Village Council for being the model in pioneering our Access for All efforts. It was your vision and your success that planted the seeds which blossomed into this wonderful crusade.

We look forward to continuing our mission to recruit many more local governments to our cause. And we are proud of the trail blazing work you started right here in Ridgewood.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jane C. Linter".

Jane C. Linter  
Director, Bergen County Human Services