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Dear Council Friends:

As impossible as it seems, we will soon be entering the calendar year 2020. For NACDD, and its member Councils, the year 2020 is a milestone as it marks 50 years since the network of Councils became part of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act). Additionally in 2020, we will also be celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

As part of the celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> year, NACDD will be conducting an Oral History Project designed to collect a diverse and nation-spanning range of perspectives and thoughts on the impact that DD Councils have had over the last 50 years. We will be collecting stories and impressions in order to create a snapshot of our network for posterity, but the collection will also serve as an opportunity to put a national spotlight on a few of your stories throughout the year.

Whether you are a Council Executive Director, Council member, chair, advocate, staff person, family member, or DD partner we know that you have a unique story about the role a DD Councils played in your life and we are excited to hear from you! Everyone with experience working with a DD Council has a perspective to share.

If you're interested in participating, [sign up by clicking this link and entering your contact information](#). That's it! We'll take it from there.

Please help us by sharing this email with your Council and network so that everyone has a chance to participate if they want to. We are hoping to put a spotlight on at least a dozen Councils throughout the year, and to hear from many more.

And if you can share via social media, please do! Feel free to use this sample language: "2020 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of DD Councils, and we want to hear from YOU about your role in our shared history. Sign up here to participate in NACDD's Oral History Project: <https://bit.ly/2N7nBNW>"

Best,  
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