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To Whom It May Concern:

_____ is an eight year old male, who weighs 59 pounds, with a diagnosis of autism. As a result of his diagnosis, _____ is non-verbal and suffers from seizures and behavioral issues. _____'s parents report that he is able to feed himself some foods, but requires total assistance for all other self-care activities. _____ receives occupational and speech therapies, both in school and as an outpatient, and his pediatrician has recommended that he begin behavioral therapy as well. According to his parents, _____ is currently being transported in a combination car seat with use of 5-point harness. _____'s parents reported that he will frequently unbuckle his restraint and attempt to open the car door while the vehicle is in motion. This behavior poses a significant safety risk, not only to those inside the motor vehicle, but other motorists as well. In addition to being able to unbuckle his restraint, the 5-point harness is only crash tested for weights up to 55 pounds, and his parents are afraid to move him to a high weight booster seat, as it provides less security than the harness. Due to his diagnosis and escapism behaviors, _____ would benefit from an adaptive restraint that provided him with the necessary safety options to meet his needs.

_____ was recently evaluated by the National Center for the Safe Transportation of Children with Special Healthcare Needs at Riley Hospital for Children. During the evaluation, it was determined that _____ requires a Roosevelt adaptive car seat with escape-proof features. The Roosevelt car seat provides head, neck, trunk, hip, and leg support for _____, ensuring proper positioning during transportation. Specifically, the Roosevelt car seat has the following features that will ensure _____ is safe during travel:

- A 5-point harness that can be used until _____ weighs 115 pounds, allowing room for growth.

- A unique tether system so the car seat is appropriately secure in the motor vehicle; this feature is important because this type of car seat can be installed in a variety of vehicles, including those that do not have tether anchor hardware.
- Seat extender to accommodate _____'s leg length and allow for growth.
- Abductor wedge to prevent _____ from sliding forward and out of the car seat.
- Incontinent cover: _____'s decreased functional abilities make him prone to frequent bouts of bladder incontinence. _____'s incontinence causes concern for unsanitary conditions and increased risk of infection and skin breakdown during long car rides. _____'s parents will be able to perform quick clean up following accidents without having to remove the restraint, reducing the risk of misuse and prolonging the life of the restraint. Another bonus of the incontinent cover is that _____'s parents will still be able to provide transportation to him following accidents, as the restraint itself will not be soiled.
- The Chest Clip Guard and EZ-Guard Buckle Cover will prevent _____ from escaping from the 5-point harness while the motor vehicle is in motion. These features are essential in keeping _____ properly restrained while the vehicle is in motion, thereby increasing his safety and the safety of others. Keeping _____ restrained in his car seat will also ensure that his parents are compliant with Indiana law with regards to child restraints.

The Roosevelt car seat with aforementioned accessories will ensure that _____ is safe during transportation and compliant with Indiana law. Thank you for your time and consideration in providing _____ with this valuable piece of equipment.

Sincerely,

Jason Skinner, MOTR