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Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Finance, Ministry of Finance and Mass Media, The Secretariat, Lotus Road, Colombo 01.

Hon. Minister,

Re: Allocation of Funds in the 2019 Annual Budget to Make State Buildings & Transport Accessible to Persons with Disabilities

We are writing to express our deep appreciation of the inclusion of allocations in the 2019 budget to make public transport, and public and private commercial buildings disability accessible, the latter by 2023.

We further note that allocation has also been made to provide persons with disabilities with a monthly allowance, as well as financial incentives to encourage private entities to recruit persons with disabilities.

We are very encouraged by the Ministry of Finance accepting our recommendation of the Human Rights Commission and taking an important and impactful step to strengthen the rights of persons with disabilities in Sri Lanka. These measures will enable scores of persons with disabilities to live with dignity and fully exercise their rights.

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