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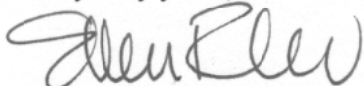
Dear Rosemarie:

Thank you very much for participating as Keynote Speaker at the Symposium on Inclusive Design, held by the New York School of Interior Design this past spring. This event, by all standards, was a resounding success – fully attended by a diverse group of interior designers, architects, healthcare professionals, and design students. With no overstatement, the Symposium was a significant educational event in New York City. Your Case Study presentation on the genesis and design of the Universal Design Living Laboratory literally brought home the need to accommodate the differing needs of all people who share a home environment – the true meaning and objective of Universal Design.

Your continued interaction with the undergraduate and graduate students and faculty of the college in the classrooms on the day following the Symposium was especially meaningful. Many students sought me out over the next few days to say how meeting and speaking with you had permanently altered their lives. They referred to the experience as a “paradigm shift”, mentioning how they could never design a home the same way as they had before meeting you. As designers, these students realize that their work will affect many people. The opportunity to interact with you represented a profound change in their understanding of the world, both as it is, and how it should be.

I look forward to watching the progress of construction on the UDLL. Thank you, again, for being an integral part of the Symposium on Inclusive Design, and for working so well with our design students.

Very truly yours,



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Associate Dean