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Ms. Rosemarie Rossetti President Universal Design Living Laboratory 1008 Eastchester Drive Columbus, Ohio 43230-6230

Dear Rosemarie:

I am writing to commend you for the invaluable contribution you are making to the residential design community and the American public through your Universal Design Living Laboratory.

For my new book, *Universal Design for the Home*, I did extensive research, seeking projects that demonstrate the best universal design ideas. In the Universal Design Living Laboratory I struck it rich. The project is a universal design goldmine. Combining aesthetics and practicality, tried-and-true accessibility features and new inspirations, the house delivers comfort, ease of use, safety and convenience for everyone—tall or short, young or old, resident or visitor, wheelchair user or not. The attractive design has universal appeal. And the impressive team of participants, from design specialists to manufacturers and suppliers, burnishes the project as a model of the expanding possibilities and fast-growing support for residential design in the housing industry at large.

I'm pleased to have been able to devote a special section of my book to the Universal Design Living Laboratory.

Congratulations!

Sincerely, Wendy A. Fordan

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