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Dear Governor Wolf,

Alex and Mae have been Lifesharing for over ten years. Prior to living with Mae, Alex lived at Pennhurst since he was a child and transitioned to a SPIN community living arrangement thirty years ago. Alex and Mae are now retired and they stay active by attending community outreach events telling their Lifesharing story, checking in with their neighbors and visiting the local library. Alex enjoys when Mae reads to him as he looks at the pictures. Alex and Mae vacation every year to East Coast beaches, Alex enjoys sitting under the umbrella and watching the waves. Alex enjoys game nights, snacking and hanging out with family. Alex attends church weekly as an active Philadelphia community member. Alex is thriving being part of Mae's family as there is always a holiday or birthday to celebrate with music, good times and lots of food to enjoy! Below is a photograph of a few members of Alex and Mae's family at a Lifesharing event a few years ago. Alex is living a comfortable, peaceful life surrounded by people who care deeply for him.

A Life of Possibilities as told by Mae Banks to Sherie Gorley, Assisting Director

