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To Whom It May Concern:

John is a four-year old little boy with a diagnosis of Down Syndrome and severe pervasive developmental disorder (Autism). He has significant developmental delays, both cognitively and emotionally and has communication impairment. With the dual diagnosis, John has extreme self-injurious behavior, requiring 30+hrs/week of ABA therapy.

John has demonstrated unsafe behaviors resulting in repeated injury to himself. He is a severe head banger and eloper who requires supervision not only throughout the day, but when sleeping. He is very impulsive and can demonstrate disruptive behaviors/tantrums such as throwing himself around which has caused repeated injury. On many occasions, John has been found trying to climb out of his crib, unaware of the potential harm if successful.

Now at the age of four, John has become too large for a typical crib-style bed and a traditional hospital bed does not adequately address his safety needs. John is at a high risk for injury in a crib-style bed. His increasingly unsafe mobility will lead to eloping from his room and potentially from his home.

With a safer sleeping environment, offered by the Courtney Bed, this behavior can be monitored and controlled for his safety and reduce the risk of injury. The family has considered and tried other options including putting a mattress on the floor next to his crib. Unfortunately, this option does not work. This only increases his ability and desire to elope. This option may prevent any injury from falling out of his bed. It is not a solution for his increasingly unsafe mobility.

Due to his age/size, significant cognitive delays, communication impairment and extreme self-injurious behavior, John requires a bed that will consistently provide protection and safety. He is very unsafe sleeping in a typical bed with bed rails and has outgrown his current crib. John requires an enclosed hospital bed like the Courtney Bed. This bed provides a fully padded sleeping environment, large enough to accommodate an adult. It has a soft-sided enclosure that will prevent him from injuring himself while head banging or with his disruptive behaviors/outbursts. The four-sided enclosure has a patented safety zipper feature that will prevent the risk of eloping. This bed has a precision-fit mattress that prevents borrowing and eliminates the risk of entrapment. The mattress fits securely within the bed enclosure, maintaining full contact with all four enclosure sides surrounding the frame. The combination of the sidewall enclosure and the precision-fit mattress, the Courtney Bed eliminates the 7-Zones of Entrapment identified by the FDA. This bed meets the guidelines set forth by the FDA and is FDA listed (# E544743) as a Class I manual hospital bed.

John requires a secure and safe sleeping environment. His options are limited to this type of bed. Please consider the Courtney Bed, an enclosed hospital bed, providing a solution for protection.

Sincerely,

OT Therapist