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Dear Special Olympics Belgium,

**Congratulations!** You and your team have continued to demonstrate your passion for Special Olympics athletes and their quest for achieving their personal bests on and off the field of competition. **It is my sincerest honor to share that Special Olympics Belgium has achieved year-round inclusive health programming and will receive the designation of a Special Olympics Healthy Community in 2018-19.**

To be a great athlete, you need to be a healthy athlete, but for the millions of people with intellectual disabilities who are denied access to quality health care, this is a major challenge. Thank you for your role in breaking down barriers and changing perceptions through Special Olympics Health, made possible by the Golisano Foundation. As a recognized Healthy Community, you are leading the way in health in our Movement and have made critical contributions to achieving inclusive health.

The work of the team in Belgium is continuing to make a difference in Special Olympics athletes' lives, allowing more people to compete at their best, on and off the playing field. Additionally, it is a great achievement to continue to make strides in Belgium toward inclusive health - equitable access to quality health care, education and services throughout communities - for people with intellectual disabilities.

Again, our thanks to you and to your entire team for your efforts to increase opportunities for Special Olympics athletes to be healthy and to change the health system where you live to be more inclusive. The improved health systems you are developing will have a lasting impact on your community. We applaud your tireless efforts in educating and activating athletes, families, health professionals and partners. Together, we continue to strive for truly inclusive communities.

In partnership,

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