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Subject: Nomination for the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize

Dear Members of the Nobel Committee,

It is with great honor that I submit the following nominees for the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of their extraordinary contributions to human rights, disability advocacy, humanitarian relief, and the promotion of peace and dignity for marginalized populations worldwide. Their work aligns with the spirit and legacy of the Nobel Peace Prize by fostering social justice, inclusion, and systemic change to improve the lives of millions.

Nominees:

Alliance Against Seclusion and Restraint (AASR)

Brief Justification (200 characters max): AASR fights to end harmful seclusion and restraint practices, promoting dignity, trauma-informed education, and human rights for neurodivergent and disabled individuals.

Thorough Motivation (2,000 characters max): The Alliance Against Seclusion and Restraint (AASR) is a leading voice in the fight against the inhumane and harmful use of seclusion and

restraint, particularly against children and individuals with disabilities. These practices, widely used in schools, psychiatric facilities, and detention centers, have been linked to trauma, injury, and even death. AASR advocates for evidence-based, trauma-informed practices that ensure the safety and dignity of all individuals, particularly neurodivergent and disabled children.

Through policy advocacy, public education, and coalition-building, AASR has influenced legislative efforts to ban or regulate these harmful practices at the state and national levels.

Their work aligns with the Nobel Peace Prize's values by addressing human rights violations and promoting nonviolent, ethical treatment of vulnerable populations. AASR's work contributes to peacebuilding in education and mental health systems, ensuring that disabled and neurodivergent individuals are treated with dignity, respect, and care rather than punishment.

Their advocacy has led to increased awareness, policy changes, and cultural shifts that promote more humane approaches to behavioral intervention. By preventing the use of force and trauma in vulnerable populations, AASR is creating a more just and compassionate society, making them a deserving candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN)

Brief Justification (200 characters max): ASAN is a leading autistic-led advocacy group championing disability rights, inclusion, and self-determination, ensuring autistic individuals have a voice in policies affecting their lives.

Thorough Motivation (2,000 characters max): The Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN) is a groundbreaking, autistic-led organization dedicated to the full inclusion, dignity, and rights of autistic individuals. Founded on the principle of "Nothing about us, without us," ASAN challenges ableism, discrimination, and systemic exclusion of autistic individuals in education, healthcare, employment, and public policy. ASAN fights against harmful treatments, institutionalization, and coercive interventions while advocating for neurodiversity-affirming

policies. They work on a global scale to influence legislation, research, and disability justice movements, ensuring that autistic individuals are empowered to shape their own lives rather than being subject to control by non-autistic authorities. Their efforts include legal advocacy, public education, community organizing, and policy development, promoting a future where autistic individuals can thrive without stigma or oppression. By advocating for human rights and fighting for a world free of discrimination and coercion, ASAN embodies the values of the Nobel Peace Prize. Their work fosters inclusion, social justice, and nonviolent policy change, making them a worthy recipient of the award.

Doctors Without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières - MSF)

Brief Justification (200 characters max): MSF provides medical aid in conflict zones, natural disasters, and health crises, ensuring healthcare access where it is most needed, promoting humanitarian relief and peace.

Thorough Motivation (2,000 characters max): Doctors Without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières – MSF) is one of the world's most recognized humanitarian organizations, delivering medical care in war zones, refugee camps, disaster-stricken regions, and underserved communities. Their commitment to neutrality, impartiality, and independence makes them a beacon of peace and humanitarian relief. MSF operates in areas where conflict, disease, and poverty have devastated healthcare infrastructure, including Syria, Yemen, South Sudan, and Ukraine. Their medical teams risk their lives to provide critical care, vaccines, mental health support, and emergency interventions in areas where local health systems have collapsed. Beyond immediate medical aid, MSF plays a crucial role in exposing human rights violations, war crimes, and medical injustices. Their advocacy efforts bring global attention to neglected crises, ensuring that humanitarian medical care is a right, not a privilege. MSF embodies the

spirit of the Nobel Peace Prize by contributing directly to global stability, conflict resolution, and the alleviation of human suffering.

NeuroClastic

Brief Justification (200 characters max): NeuroClastic amplifies neurodivergent voices, challenging ableism and advocating for systemic change to ensure dignity, accessibility, and justice for autistic and disabled people.

Thorough Motivation (2,000 characters max): NeuroClastic is a pioneering organization that centers the voices and experiences of neurodivergent individuals, particularly within the autistic community. By providing a platform for autistic-led advocacy, education, and storytelling, NeuroClastic works to dismantle ableism, challenge stereotypes, and advocate for disability rights on a global scale. NeuroClastic's mission is rooted in human rights, justice, and systemic change. They work to expose harmful practices in education, healthcare, and therapy, including the use of coercive behavioral interventions that cause trauma for autistic individuals. Their research, advocacy, and grassroots efforts promote neurodiversity-affirming approaches, fostering an inclusive society where autistic individuals can thrive without stigma or discrimination.

One of their most impactful efforts is the exposure of abusive institutions, harmful therapies, and discriminatory policies affecting neurodivergent individuals. They advocate for autonomy, accessibility, and the right to self-determination for disabled people. Through international coalitions and public outreach, NeuroClastic has played a vital role in influencing policy changes, media representation, and cultural shifts that uplift the neurodivergent community. By amplifying marginalized voices and fighting for justice, NeuroClastic represents the core values

of the Nobel Peace Prize. Their work ensures that neurodivergent individuals are recognized as full participants in society, making them a deserving nominee for this prestigious award.

Tony Coelho

Brief Justification (200 characters max): Coelho, primary author of the ADA, has dedicated his life to disability rights, ensuring legal protections and equal opportunities for millions globally.

Thorough Motivation (2,000 characters max): Tony Coelho is one of the most influential figures in disability rights legislation, best known as the primary author of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). His lifelong advocacy has transformed the legal landscape for disabled individuals in the United States and influenced disability policies worldwide. Born with epilepsy, Coelho faced systemic discrimination and barriers to employment and public participation. His personal experiences fueled his passion for disability justice, equal rights, and legislative reform. As a U.S. Congressman, he spearheaded the passage of the ADA in 1990, a landmark civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against disabled individuals in employment, public spaces, education, and transportation.

Beyond the ADA, Coelho has remained a leading voice for global disability inclusion, employment rights, and accessibility reforms. His work has directly contributed to improving the lives of millions, ensuring that disabled individuals have the same rights and opportunities as non-disabled people. By securing legal protections, economic inclusion, and social equity, Coelho has advanced peaceful systemic change for one of the world's largest marginalized groups. His contributions align with the Nobel Peace Prize's mission to uplift human dignity and justice, making him an exceptional candidate for this award.

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Each of these nominees has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to human rights, dignity, and social justice. Their work has contributed significantly to peacebuilding efforts, nonviolent systemic change, and the protection of marginalized communities. I deeply appreciate the committee's consideration of these nominees and their invaluable contributions to global peace and justice.

Warm regards,

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