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To whom it may concern,

I am happy to provide a letter of support to identify a need for Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson International Airport to join the MagnusCards platform and provide resources to improve its accessibility for the autism community.

Magnusmode and Autism Ontario share a vision for a world where people with autism and other cognitive special needs are empowered to participate with independence and inclusion in society. We are very pleased to share that many of Autism Ontario's community members are now utilizing Magnusmode's interactive and user-friendly app, MagnusCards to realize their inclusive goals.

Having support to access community spaces plays a crucial role in the vision of fully inclusive living for people with autism. Airports can be an overwhelming experience for people with cognitive and sensory challenges. By providing step-by-step support, MagnusCards creates predictability. This increases the confidence, comfort and enjoyment of travelers while supporting their independence and inclusion. YWG Card Decks will be used to prepare before and during travel.

Autism Ontario is a leader in providing resources for families and individuals with autism to support them to live with inclusion and independence. Our organization works with the autism community to provide resources for development of important life skill areas, such as housing, food (grocery, diet, and cooking), personal care, transit, and social skills. We receive no financial benefits from Magnusmode. This allows us to remain objective in our continual assessment of the app and its value to the broader autism community.

We strongly encourage YWG to come on board, support, and leverage MagnusCards to provide a better experience for people who need extra assistance. Your involvement in MagnusCards will provide improved access and much needed support for community involvement.

Thank you, and please feel free to be in touch if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



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