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Dear Mr. Coleman:

This responds to your letter dated November 1, 2017, regarding implementation of Section 505 of S. 178, the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act ("S. 178"), and the application of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), and other laws, to state guardianship proceedings.

Your letter requests that the Department of Justice (the Department) issue guidance to public entities regarding the application of Title II of the ADA to guardianship proceedings and their participants, especially given the recent enactment of S. 178. We appreciate your writing to us, following up on your meeting with Disability Rights Section staff earlier this year, to express your views about the importance of ensuring compliance with the ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act in guardianship proceedings. We will keep your comments and proposals under consideration when developing future guidance.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance with this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

John M. Gore  
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