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Dear Consumer-run Organization Leader,

Thank you for your interest in the National Coalition of Mental Health Consumer Survivor Organizations (NCMHCSO). Our mission is to bring the vision of self-directed recovery into reality by creating a vehicle to have a strong national consumer voice.

It is with great enthusiasm that the Membership Committee of the National Coalition of Mental Health Consumer/Survivor Organizations offers your organization this opportunity to submit an application for membership. The attached application will be reviewed by the Membership Committee for possible inclusion of your group in this groundbreaking organization.

We believe we have included the pertinent information that is required for the Committee to evaluate your application. However, if you have any questions or comments we encourage you to contact the National Coalition at info@ncmhcsso.org or 978-590-2014.

Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis. Since this is a brand new organization, we are still in the stage of formulating the specifics of how to carry out the vision. We encourage you to return your application as soon as possible so you can play a meaningful part in that process. The fee structure for membership in NCMHCSO is one of the items we are in the process of determining. Our commitment is to create a fee structure that is reasonable for all accepted applicants.

Membership in NCMHCS is limited to eligible consumer-run organizations that are statewide or regional. There is no provision for individual memberships at this time.

On behalf of the Membership Committee we look forward to your participation and support.

Sincerely,
Peter C. Ashenden
Membership Committee Chairperson