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Dear Colleagues at CARF International,

On behalf of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, it is my great pleasure to extend our warmest congratulations to CARF International on your 60th anniversary.

Over the past six decades, CARF has played a transformative role in shaping quality across the rehabilitation and broader health and human services continuum. From its early leadership in establishing standards for medical and vocational rehabilitation to its global expansion across aging, behavioral health, and community-based services, CARF has consistently advanced a vision of person-centered, outcomes-driven care. The scale of your impact, reaching millions of individuals worldwide, reflects not only the strength of your standards, but also your enduring commitment to excellence, accountability, and continuous improvement.

As ACRM continues to expand its global footprint, CARF has served as an important catalyst for our international growth and engagement. The alignment between CARF's accreditation frameworks and ACRM's scientific mission has strengthened the bridge between research, practice, and systems of care, ensuring that innovation in rehabilitation is translated into meaningful, real-world impact. We are also deeply appreciative of CARF's support of key global ACRM initiatives, including the sponsorship of important convenings such as the Brucker International Reception, which foster international dialogue, collaboration, and community within our field, and the Evidence Practice Guidelines support, promoting the translation of research into clinical practice.

Looking ahead, we see tremendous opportunity to further integrate science, standards, and implementation, leveraging data, digital innovation, and global collaboration to enhance quality and equity in rehabilitation services. CARF's leadership in setting benchmarks for quality will remain essential as our field continues to evolve.

Congratulations once again on this remarkable milestone. We look forward to continuing our collaboration in advancing rehabilitation globally.

With sincere appreciation,

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