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Dear Business Owner

My name is Richard Webster, and I am the founder of Marlena's Network, a local initiative based right here in the Midcoast. Our mission is to connect individuals in our community who are navigating serious illnesses with local businesses that value inclusivity and support.

We know that for many people dealing with health challenges, simple tasks like shopping or dining out can feel overwhelming due to crowds or sensory overstimulation. We are looking for local partners who would be interested in becoming a "Safe Space Partner."

What this looks like for you: We aren't asking for financial donations. Instead, we are looking for a simple commitment, such as:

- A "Safe Hour": Designating one hour a week (perhaps during a typically slow period) where members of our network can shop or dine with lower crowds and a supportive environment.
- Community Visibility: In exchange, we will feature your business within our network and to our members as a preferred local partner who truly cares about our community's well-being.

I would love to chat for five minutes about how we can work together to make the Midcoast a little more accessible for everyone. Are you available for a quick call or a brief visit sometime next week? Please check out our website <https://marlenasnetwork.com/>

Warmly,

Richard Webster

