August 21, 2008

Senator ___________
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: The ADA Amendments Act of 2008

Dear Senator ___________,

The undersigned groups, representing a broad range of interests, write in support of the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (S.3406). This bill introduced on July 31, 2008, had 64 cosponsors as of August 1, with 55 of those joining as original cosponsors.

S.3406, the ADA Amendments Act, would revise the ADA, in a manner designed to work for both people with disabilities and for entities governed under the law. The bill is a result of sustained efforts between Senators from both sides of the aisle and intensive and thoughtful talks between representatives of the disability community and entities governed by the law. For that reason, we believe that S.3406 strikes a delicate balance between the needs of individuals with disabilities and the realities experienced by entities including employers and public accommodations, which are covered under the law.

We urge your support in making enactment of S.3406, the ADA Amendments Act, a reality as soon as Congress returns to work in September. We stand ready to work with you towards that end.

Sincerely,

ABC Business Services, Illinois
Abilities in Motion, Pennsylvania
ADA Watch/National Coalition for Disability Rights
ADA Help, Inc., Florida
Air Force Association
Air Force Sergeants Association
Air Force Women Officers Associated
Alliance of Disability Advocates Center for Independent Living, North Carolina
Alpha-1 Association
Alpha-1 Foundation
ALS Association
Alzheimer's Association
American Association for Affirmative Action
American Association for Respiratory Care
American Academy of Nursing
American Association of Diabetes Educators
American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)
American Association of University Women
American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association
American Bakers Association
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
American Composites Manufacturers Association
American Council of the Blind
American Diabetes Association
American Federation of Government Employees – Veterans Council
American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Unions (AFL-CIO)
American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
American Foundation for the Blind
American Foundry Society
American GI Forum
American Islamic Congress
American Jewish Committee
American Kidney Fund
American Liver Foundation
American Lung Association
American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association
American Mental Health Counselors Association
American Physical Therapy Association
American Psychological Association
American Society of Employers
AMVETS
ANCOR
Anixter Center, Illinois
Anti-Defamation League
APEERS (Alternative Peer Edu/Enrichment Recovery Society), West Virginia
APSE: The Network on Employment
Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee
The Arc of Tucson, Arizona
The Arc of the United States
The Arc of Utah
Arthritis Foundation
ARISE, New York
Asian American Justice Center
Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.
Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies
Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL)
Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
Autism Society of America
The Autistic Self-Advocacy Network
AZ Bridge to Independent Living
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
BH Electronics, Inc.
Bimba Manufacturing
B’nai B’rith International
Brain Injury Association of America
Breast Cancer Network of Strength
Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association
Capital Associated Industries, Inc.
Care4Dystonia, Inc.
Central Conference of American Rabbis
Center for Women Policy Studies
Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation
The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada
CIGNA Corporation
Coastal Health District, Georgia
Coleman Global Telecommunications, LLC
Community Action Partnership
Community Health Charities of America
Community Resources for Independent Living, California
Control Technology, Inc.
COPD Foundation
Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates
Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR)
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America
Disabled American Veterans
Disability Policy Consortium, Inc.
Disability Rights Wisconsin (WI P&A)
DTE Energy Company
Easter Seals
Eastman Chemical
Ellwood Group Inc.
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States
Epilepsy Foundation
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Freedom Resource Center for Independent Living, Minnesota
Freedom Resource Center for Independent Living, North Dakota
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Friends of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research
Georgia Voice That Count
Granite State Independent Living
Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, Inc.
Hearing Loss Association of America
Hearing Loss Association of America, Manhattan Chapter
Hearing Loss Association of America, Mid Hudson Chapter
Hearing Loss Association of America, North Shore Chapter of Long Island
Hearing Loss Association of America, Queens at Lexington
Hearing Loss Association of America, Western New York Chapter
Heat Transfer Equipment Company
Higher Education Consortium for Special Education
Hindu American Foundation
HR Policy Association
Human Rights Campaign
Huntington's Disease Society of America
Hydrocephalus Association
Idaho State Independent Living Council
Illinois Manufacturers' Association
International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies
International Franchise Association
International Paper Company
Irish American Foundation
Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America
Islamic Society of North America
Japanese American Citizens League
Jewish Council for Public Affairs
Jewish Reconstructionist Federation
J.T. Fennell Co.
Koller-Craft Plastic Products
Lakeside Equipment Corporation
The LAM Foundation
Lambda Legal
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR)
Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA)
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Life, Inc., Georgia
Liz Thurber Slipcovers
Lupus Foundation of America
The Management Association of Illinois Manufacturer & Business Association (Erie, PA)
March of Dimes
Mental Health America
Michigan Alliance of State Employees with Disabilities (Michigan ASED)
Michigan Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans
Michigan Rehabilitation Association
Military Officers Association of America
Molded Fiber Glass Companies
Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc.
Motorola
Mullinix Packages, Inc.
Muslim Public Affairs Council
Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America
NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc.
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepard
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
National Association for Black Veterans
National Association for Employment of People who are Blind (NAEPB)
National Association for Uniformed Services
RTC Paratransit Evaluation Services, Nevada
Roaring Spring Blank Book Co.
Ryder System, Inc.
SEIU – Service Employees International Union
Self-Advocacy Association of New York State, Inc.
Services for Independent Living, Missouri
Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF)
Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation
Society for Human Resource Management
Southeast Kansas Independent Living Resource Center, Inc. (SKIL)
Southern Champion Tray LP
Spina Bifida Association
State of Nevada TBI Advisory Council Stuller, Inc.
The Taylor-Winfield Corporation
Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children
Texas Association of the Deaf
Textile Rental Services Association of America
Ultra Tech Machinery Inc.
United Cerebral Palsy
United Cerebral Palsy of Central Ohio
United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries
United Food and Commercial Workers International Union
United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society
Union for Reform Judaism
Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations
United Jewish Communities
United Spinal Association
Uniweld Products Inc
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
U.S. Psychiatric Association
U.S. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
Us TOO International
Vanamatic Company
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
Veterans of Modern Warfare
Vietnam Veterans of America
West Suburban Access News Association
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce
Women of Reform Judaism
The Workmen’s Circle/Arbeter Ring
World Institute on Disability