

August 21, 2008

Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
XXX \_\_\_\_\_  
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  
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 ASSED)  
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

National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities  
National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors  
National Association of Governors' Committees on People with Disabilities (NAGC)  
National Association of Human Rights Workers  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Association of the Physically Handicapped (Manistee County Chapter)  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Association of State Directors of Special Education  
National Association of State Head Injury Administrators  
National Association of the Deaf  
National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD)  
National Congress of Black Women, Inc.  
National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare  
National Council of Churches in the USA  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Council of La Raza (NCLR)  
National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)  
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)  
National Down Syndrome Congress  
National Down Syndrome Society  
National Education Association (NEA)  
National Employment Lawyers Association  
National Fair Housing Alliance  
National Family Caregivers Association  
National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA)  
The National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias  
National Health Council  
National Health Law Program

National Industries for the Blind (NIB)  
National Kidney Foundation  
National Legal Aid and Defender Association  
National Marfan Foundation  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
National MS Society, Hawaii Chapter  
National Organization for Women  
National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS)  
National Psoriasis Foundation  
National Women's Law Center  
Naval Reserve Association  
NCEP Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program, Nevada  
NETWORK: A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby  
Nevadans for Equal Access, Inc.  
New Jersey Protection and Advocacy  
NISH  
Non-Commissioned Officers Association  
Northeast Pennsylvania Manufacturers and Employers Association  
Northwestern Mutual  
Ohio Disability Action Coalition  
Oregon Family Support Network  
Organization of Chinese Americans  
Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation  
Our Children Left Behind  
The Paget Foundation  
Paralyzed Veterans of America  
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy  
People Escaping Poverty Project, Minnesota  
People First of Nevada  
Portland General Electric  
PPG Industries  
Precision Metalforming Association  
Presbyterian Church (USA), Washington Office  
Prevent Blindness America  
Reserve Enlisted Association  
RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association

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