September 16, 2008

The Honorable Steny Hoyer
Office of the House Majority Leader
U.S. Capitol Building, H-107
Washington, DC 20515-6501
cc:  Representative George Miller, Chair, Education and Labor
Representative “Buck” McKeon, Ranking Member
Representative John Conyers, Chair, Judiciary
Representative Lamarr Smith, Ranking Member

The Honorable James Sensenbrenner
U.S. House of Representatives
2449 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515-4905

Re: The ADA Amendments Act of 2008

Dear Leader Hoyer and Representative Sensenbrenner,

The undersigned groups, representing a broad range of interests, write in support of the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (S.3406).

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 the sustained efforts of members of Congress 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 of 2008, a priority this 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
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 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
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 Americans (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