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VIDEO PROPOSAL

June 25, 1996

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PENDING

TO:

Stephanie Street and Ann Walley
Directors of Scheduling and Advance

FROM:

✓ Alexis Herman
Assistant to the President and Director,
Office of Public Liaison

REQUEST:

For the President to tape a video message to commemorate the sixth anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

PURPOSE:

To energize disability rights activists around the country by articulating the Administration's commitment to the ADA.

BACKGROUND:

There are 49 million Americans with disabilities.

The ADA Anniversary on July 26 is the most important day of the year to the disability community, a day that is as important to the disability community as Martin Luther King day is to the African American community.

This landmark civil rights legislation guarantees equal rights and equal opportunity for the millions of Americans with disabilities. The ADA is the foundation for the Administration's national disability policy of inclusion, independence and empowerment.

The President's video message commemorating the 6th Anniversary of the ADA will be distributed and shown at hundreds of ADA celebrations that are being organized around the country.

DURATION: 5 minutes.

REMARKS: Draft script attached.

RECOMMENDED BY: Alexis Herman

CONTACT: Bill White, 6-7032

ORIGIN OF PROPOSAL: White House generated.

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ADA SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

I am pleased to join citizens across the country in celebrating the sixth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In 1992, I issued a challenge to our nation. I said we must not rest until America has a national disability policy based on three simple creeds: inclusion, not exclusion; independence, not dependence; and empowerment, not paternalism. I remain committed to that vision.

More than ever before in our history, America's greatness in the next century will depend upon the ability of all our citizens to make the most of their own lives. Americans with disabilities are an enormous, largely untapped reservoir of that potential.

Like the civil rights laws that came before it, the Americans with Disabilities Act is grounded in the principles of equal opportunity and fair play. These principles lie at the core of our national identity and at the heart of our national hopes and aspirations. They provide common ground.

But the vision of the ADA will not be realized without the strong commitment of all of us. As we know from our Nation's still unfinished attempt to eradicate race and gender discrimination, the commitment to protecting the rights of persons with disabilities requires perseverance, vigilance, and sustained enforcement efforts.

We have made vigorous enforcement of all laws protecting people with disabilities a top priority of this Administration. We will stay this course until all barriers to the full participation of individuals with disabilities come down.

Consistent with this commitment, my FY 1997 budget proposes a 3.9 percent increase over the current budget for the Department of Justice's ADA enforcement activities. Given the difficult task of balancing the budget in seven years, this increase dramatically demonstrates my commitment to ADA enforcement.

Our commitment goes beyond the nuts and bolts of law enforcement. All too often we hear attacks on the ADA that are based on misinformation. We in government have a responsibility to counter these attacks with the truth.

The essential challenge we face is that too many people fail to appreciate the essence of discrimination that people with disabilities face in their daily lives. Many still don't see discriminatory barriers -- whether they are based on architecture or attitudes. Many still remain trapped by society's stereotypes about disability. Many still think the barriers faced by people with disabilities stem from their disabilities -- and not from what we as a society have erected.

The promise of the ADA -- and all other disability rights laws -- will never be realized until we respond, vocally and visibly, to this challenge. We must work to assure that all Americans fully comprehend that it is wrong to exclude anyone from full participation in society simply because of a disability -- just as wrong as it is to exclude someone because of race, or ethnic origin, or gender, or religion.

We all must remember as we celebrate the ADA that a civil rights law alone will not achieve our vision of inclusion, independence and empowerment for people with disabilities. That's why I fought so hard for measures like the Family and Medical Leave Act. And that's why I am committed to preserving the Federal guarantee of Medicaid coverage for people with disabilities.

For three decades Americans have stood on common ground about the need for guaranteed Medicaid coverage for older Americans, pregnant women, low-income children, and people with disabilities. But last year Congress sent me legislation to repeal that guarantee -- legislation that would have taken away health care coverage from millions of Americans who need it most. I vetoed that legislation, and if they send it to me again and they want to repeal the guarantee, I will veto it again.

Let me be clear. We can balance this budget without repealing guaranteed Medicaid coverage for six million Americans with disabilities who depend upon it, including one million children. Medicaid is a family issue, as people with disabilities know, which makes it possible for more people to get care at home and in their communities. Without the guarantee, a middle-class family with a child with a severe disability could be forced into poverty to pay for the child's medical care. Parents could be forced to give up their jobs to stay home to care for a child. Children and adults who live independently today might be forced into institutions. I will not let that happen.

Access to home and community-based, consumer-directed, long term supports and services is critical for many Americans with disabilities to achieve independence. The vision of community integration, independent living, and competitive employment at the heart of the ADA depends on the existence of home and community-based supports, and I will continue to fight any attempts to roll back these critical services.

Another cornerstone of our national disability policy that undergirds and complements the ADA is the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This law will make it possible for students with disabilities get their share of the high-wage jobs that are opening up in this new economy. I know how much IDEA means to the millions of students with disabilities and to their parents, and I strongly support it.

High school graduates with disabilities who went to school under IDEA have an employment rate of twice that of the overall population of individuals with disabilities. Recognizing the value of investing in quality education, I have requested a 12% increase over 1996 funding in my FY 97 budget for state grant for special education. Some in the Congress have proposed reducing the federal share to its lowest level ever. Just as with Medicaid, I believe we can balance the budget and maintain a strong federal role in the

education of disabled children. I will continue to fight for IDEA because I know it works. Spending money on education, health care, and personal assistant services is an investment in our future.

America is in the best position to be a winner in the global economy of the 21st century because of the depth of our values, the strength of our diversity, the power of our economy. But we don't have a single person to waste. We have to continue to expand opportunity and demand responsibility from all of our citizens. And that means inclusion, not exclusion.

Six years after the historic passage of the ADA, we must redouble our efforts to achieve the law's vision. We must remain committed as we face new challenges, and we must bear in mind the ultimate wisdom embodied in the ADA. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. reminded us, "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice."

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

July 27, 1996

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT
ON WELFARE

The Oval Office

THE PRESIDENT: Good morning. Today I want to talk with you about welfare reform, but first I want to ask you to join with me in celebrating the sixth anniversary of a landmark civil rights law that is breaking down barriers for millions of our fellow Americans, the Americans with Disabilities Act.

I'm joined today by many of the advocates for people with disabilities who made this the law of the land. Because we have enforced this law vigorously and with common sense, people with disabilities now have access to places they never did before, from classrooms to restaurants.

Since 1991, 800,000 people with severe disabilities have joined the work force. Because of federal education efforts, tens of thousands of children with disabilities have better educational opportunities. Because of Medicaid, health care for Americans with disabilities can be provided without bankrupting their families, and in a way that promotes their independence.

That's a big reason why I oppose repealing Medicaid's guarantee of health care to Americans with disabilities. All these efforts are good for them, but they're good for all the rest of us, too. So today let us all rededicate ourselves to the fight against disability discrimination.

This morning I want to focus on the great welfare debate now unfolding in Washington and all across our country. This debate is really about our fundamental American values, about expanding opportunity, demanding responsibility, and coming together as a community. For decades our welfare system has undermined the basic values of work and responsibility and family, trapping generation after generation of people in poverty and dependency, exiling millions of our fellow citizens from the world of work that gives structure, meaning, and dignity to our lives. It instills the wrong values, sends the wrong signals, giving children who have children a check to set up house on their own, letting millions of fathers walk away from their responsibility while taxpayers pick up the tab.

This system does the most harm to the people it was meant to help. Children who are born to a life on welfare are more likely to drop out of school, fall afoul of the law, become teen mothers or teen fathers, and raise their own children on welfare themselves.

I just don't believe that a nation as rich in opportunity as ours is willing to leave millions of people trapped in a permanent under class. We can't leave anyone behind. In fact, what I want for poor families on welfare is what I want for middle class families and upper-income families as well. I want people to be able to succeed at home and at work. That will make America stronger and their lives richer.

When I ran for President four years ago, I was very clear, we must end welfare as we know it. And during my time as President, I have used all the powers at my disposal to achieve that goal. We have worked with 41 states to launch 69 welfare-to-work

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experiments. For fully 75 percent of people on welfare, the rules already have changed. The New York Times called it a quiet revolution in welfare.

I have taken executive action to require teen mothers on welfare to stay in school, requiring mothers to identify the fathers of their children so we can hold every man accountable for the support he owes his family, ordering federal employees to pay child support, putting wanted posters of deadbeat parents in post offices and on the Internet. I directed the Attorney General to crack down on people who owe child support who cross state lines.

All these efforts are paying off at the national and local level. Today there are 1.3 million fewer people on welfare than on the day I took office. Child support collections are up 40 percent, to \$11 billion. Paternity identification is up 40 percent, too. We're mending our social fabric and moving in the right direction.

Now we have an opportunity to finish the job and pass national welfare reform legislation. Real welfare reform should impose time limits and require work and provide child care, too, so that people can go to work without hurting their children. It should strengthen our child support enforcement laws even more and do more to protect children.

I have challenged Congress to send me bipartisan legislation that reflects these principles. For example, if everyone in America who owes child support legally and can pay it did so, 800,000 women and children would leave the welfare roles tomorrow.

Now, six months ago the Republican majority in Congress sent me welfare legislation it had backwards. It was soft on work and tough on children, failing to provide child care and health care so that people can move from welfare to work without hurting their children, imposing deep and unacceptable cuts in school lunch, child welfare, and help for disabled children. That bill came to me twice and I vetoed it twice.

Since then, I'm pleased to report, there has been considerable bipartisan progress toward real welfare reform. Many of the worst proposals I objected to have been taken out. Many of the improvements I asked for have been put in. The legislation has steadily improved as it has moved through Congress.

Earlier this week, by an overwhelming bipartisan majority, the Senate passed a welfare reform bill that does provide health care and child care, and took some important strides to protect our children. But we still have more work to do to promote work and protect children, though we have come a long way in this debate and we mustn't go back.

To those who have doubts about any welfare reform, I say, we will never lift children out of poverty and dependency by preserving a failed system that keeps them there. And to those who would undo the progress of recent weeks by sending me another extremist bill like the ones I vetoed, I would say, we can only transform this broken system if we do right by our children and put people to work so they can earn a paycheck, not draw a welfare check. That's the only kind of welfare reform I can sign.

We have a chance to make history. Our welfare system has nagged at our national conscience for far too long. And if we'll put politics aside and work together, we can once again make welfare what it was meant to be: a second chance, not a way of life.

Thanks for listening.

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ADA Event Plans

ALASKA -

Jim Beck (907-746-0228) - On July 17, an ADA Picnic will be held in Anchorage to celebrate the 6th anniversary of the ADA.

Joyanna Geisler (907-235-7911) - Advocates in Alaska will also be having a statewide teleconference sponsored by ADA Partners dealing with the ADA on July 16.

ARIZONA - Donna Noland (602-542-6276) - Arizona advocates will hold a Freedom Rally the week after July 26. They are finalizing the details concerning times and location but will focus on this being a voter rally.

ARKANSAS - Nan Ellen East (501-296-1775) - There are several events planned for July including several training sessions dealing with ADA issues including a training by Wendy Wilkinson from Accommodations Network in TX.

CALIFORNIA - Patricia Yeager (619-293-3500) - A large event -- entitled Disability Independence Day -- will be held on July 27 at Balboa Park in San Diego. This event is expected to be attended by several hundred advocates.

COLORADO - Jean Parker (303-839-1775) - In Denver's Washington Park, the second annual Disability Pride Celebration will take place on July 26 sponsored by the Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition.

DELAWARE - Bill McCool (302-764-2400) - Advocates will hold a voter registration drive across the entire state on July 26.

FLORIDA -

Daniel Holder (305-375-3566) - A display dealing with ADA will be set-up in the Downtown Government Center. In addition, on July 18 they are having an awards ceremony with the Commissioners and County Managers giving awards to the County Departments and individuals who have provided/or advocated effectively for accessibility in the area.

Barbara Bernhart (904-487-3423) - The Florida Coordinating Council for ADA plans a Disability Summit in Tallahassee for the week prior to July 26 as a "kick-off" event. Plan to downlink to 6 regions throughout state.

GEORGIA - Nancy Duncan (770-451-2340) - The Olympics will prevent advocates in Georgia to conduct an event on July 26, but advocates are assisting the Atlanta Journal Constitution newspaper with an article dealing with the ADA.

HAWAII - Charlotte Townsend (808-586-8121) - A Mayor's proclamation is planned which will be publicized.

Mark Obatake (808-537-1941) -- The Center for Independent Living plans to run Public Service Announcements through the media.

IDAHO -

Kim McCully (208-336-3335) - The ADA Task Force is encouraging the Governor to sign a proclamation on July 26 in Boise with a related press conference and media coverage.

Krista Kramer (208-883-0523) - For third year in a row, the Disability Action Center will sponsor awareness activities on July 26 in northern Idaho. Details are not final but will include gatherings of people with disabilities and various community awareness activities such as letter writing campaigns and information booths.

ILLINOIS -

Larry Gorski (312-744-7209) - In Chicago, a reception and rally hosted by Mayor Daley will be held from 5 - 7 p.m. on July 26 in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary Conference of PVA in Chicago.

Rene David Luna (312-226-5900) - ADAPT is planning an event in Chicago -- maybe a picnic -- which will be held the Sunday before July 26 so that it doesn't conflict with the Heartland Rally in St. Louis.

Robert Kilbury (217-522-7016) - In Springfield, a Candidates Forum will be held at 1 p.m. on July 26 co-sponsored by the Coalition and the Springfield CIL followed by annual Celebration in Douglas Park. Also 5 - 10 Coalition chapters are planning smaller local events throughout Illinois.

Pete Roberts - Two other events are planned for Springfield - a media breakfast at CIL or press conference at local fully accessible business to not importance of ADA and launch local voter registration campaign.

INDIANA - Nancy Griffin (317-596-6440) - An Ad Hoc Task Force of consumers has organized and are issuing a report on accessibility -- both good and bad within the city. This report will be released at a press conference on either July 25 or 26 at the Central City Mall.

IOWA - Jay Brewer (515-281-9083) - Their Governor will declare July 26 "Supportive Employment Day" with a focus on employment issues. They will issue a press release and encourage local activities to include the involvement of Legislature.

KANSAS - Bob Mikesio (913-841-0333) - Will be holding a Disability Rights Workshop at the Library on July 26 dealing with the ADA, Fair Housing Act, and Kansas Act Against Discrimination.

KENTUCKY -

Gayla Peach (502-564-2967) - The Center for Accessible Living will be conducting a Disability Summit in Frankfort on July 11 with an emphasis on "Vote '96."

Jan Day (502-589-6620) - Advocates in Louisville will be meeting with Mr. John Wodatch from the Department of Justice in July to review civil right protections for people with disabilities.

LOUISIANA

Harry Miley (318-865-1000) - New Horizons, Inc. in Shreveport is planning a press release event on July 26 to focus on the ADA.

Charles Tubre (504-522-1955) - The CIL in New Orleans is planning a news conference with the P & A, and PVA on or around July 26.

Kathryn Hoover (504-736-6087) - They are planning to hold a press conference and are also talking with St. Bernard Parish to put out a press release.

MASSACHUSETTS - Fred Fay (508-371-0992) - Advocates are planning small rally of 15 to 20 people in Concord.

MARYLAND - Marcie Roth (301-865-0845) - A new group -- the Disability Community Democratic Committee -- will be holding an event the weekend of Sept. 15 to "get out the vote" at an accessible State Park to focus on the good news of ADA. Also the MD state ADA Coordinator will be holding meetings with county ADA coordinators around July 26.

MICHIGAN - Don Anderson (313-971-0277) - Advocates are planning a ceremony to be held on the steps of the Michigan Union on July 26.

MINNESOTA - Lolly Lijewski (612-646-8342) - Minnesota's equivalent chapter of Justice For All is planning to hold a press conference or to issue press releases around July 26.

MISSISSIPPI - Shirley Tipton (601-969-0601) - The State's Centers for Independent Living are planning a series of open houses/press conferences at 8 locations around the State.

MISSOURI - Colleen Starkloff (314-534-5100) - Advocates in Missouri are planning a Midwest Heartland Rally in St. Louis on July 28. The march and rally will feature Justin Dart and is expected to draw 2,000 advocates.

MONTANA - Kathy Kelker (406-657-2055) - Advocates are planning a series of 10 to 12 Family Picnics with local candidates and state representatives.

NEBRASKA - Patty Gorham (402-398-1424) - Advocates will incorporate anniversary celebration activities with the visit of Justin Dart on July 9.

NEVADA - Ms. Donny Loux (702-687-4452) - An ADA Campaign sponsored by the

Nevada CILs, working with NV Legal Services, have used the Texas model and have filed 4 lawsuits a week against businesses long out of compliance. This activity will culminate on July 26th with press conferences on a statewide basis.

NEW HAMPSHIRE - Alan Robichaud (603-271-3236) - They have a large celebration planned for July 25 and 26 -- "ADA Rally for Justice: Advocacy in Action". This will include a rally, march, visits with elected officials, a parade, special music program and speakers.

NEW JERSEY - Carol Granaldi, 3 Wythe Road, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - Will be having an ADA celebration event in conjunction with a SLUGS meeting (Sign Language Users Group Socials).

NEW MEXICO - Julie Ballinger (505-266-5022) - Advocates are holding press conferences around the time of the ADA anniversary.

NEW YORK - Danny Roberts (212-366-0432) - A march is planned in New York City on July 26 (from 13th Street to Washington Square Park) and will be followed up by a rally at Loeb Student Center at New York University. The rally will include entertainment by bands of people with disabilities and displays by different organizations.

NORTH CAROLINA - Chester Helms (704-375-3977) - In Raleigh, advocates will hold a birthday party and press conference. On July 26 in Charlotte, they will hold a grand open house at a retrofitted fully-accessible office location in a high-rise building.
Roger Foshee (919-715-2302) - The State DBTAC affiliate will hold a rally and press conference on July 26 in front of the State Board of Elections Office. In Greenville, advocates will hold a concert with information booths.

OHIO - Brad Coleman (614-864-1199) - MOBILE reports that a press conference will be held in Reynoldsburg in front of a bridge which was not constructed in compliance with the ADA.

OKLAHOMA - Carla Lawson (918-592-1235) - Advocates are having an open house which features drawings for free ADA accessibility surveys, policy reviews, brailings, workshops, disability awareness trainings, and job accommodation assessments.

OREGON - Tom Ciesielski (503-232-7452) - In Portland, on July 26 advocates are having an All Day Festival in Pioneer Square in the center of town. This will include rallies, presentations, booths, and other activities - from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA - Linda Anthony (717-238-0172) - ADAPT will be staging a walk in Pittsburgh from Liberty Center to another area of the city on July 26 from 1 - 3 p.m.

They believe they will have the mayor's participation along with a proclamation signing. Linda will lead the march dressed in a Statute of Liberty costume.

RHODE ISLAND - Bob Cooper (904-488-8062) - Will publish a multi-page colored insert for a business newspaper, "Providence Business News" to be published during week of July 22. This insert will relate positive experiences by businesses made accessible; list companies and nonprofit organizations who will provide assistance regarding compliance; etc.

SOUTH CAROLINA - Sandra Frier (1-800-269-2710 or 803-779-5121) - The Disability Action Center is sponsoring a forum on July 28 and is inviting all political candidates to address the group. These forums will also encourage individuals with disabilities to get out and vote.

SOUTH DAKOTA - Glade Jones (605-394-1930) - Advocates are using Justin Dart's visit on July 11 as a tie-in for publicizing the anniversary of the ADA.

TENNESSEE - Roger Blue (615-327-0294) - Advocates are planning a festival in the Legislative Plaza. The Coalition will also be meeting with the editorial board of the newspaper to try and get some articles printed.

TEXAS -

Belinda Carlton (512-478-3366) - Advocates are planning a rally in the rotunda of State Capitol in Austin on July 26. They have also scheduled a conference in Dallas on July 19 during which presentations will be made about the ADA and advocacy.

Bob Kafka (512-442-0252) - ADAPT of Texas is planning the 1st Annual Disability Rights Awards and Bar-B-Q which will be held in Austin on July 26.

Scott Ingram (903-295-1686) - The Longview Mayor's Committee plans to hold an event at the local library and to generate mailings of ADA post cards.

UTAH - Helen Roth (801-753-5353) - Each of the four Centers for Independent Living will be planning a special event including an annual picnic in Logan.

VERMONT - Peter Youngvaer (802-223-6140) - Advocates plan to issue a press release in conjunction with the ADA Anniversary on July 26.

WISCONSIN - Tom Hlavacek (414-342-8700) - There will be a big birthday party with cake cutting by the Mayor in conjunction with an enormous summer festival in Milwaukee, WI with tens of thousands of people in attendance.

WEST VIRGINIA -

Ed Schartener and Anne Weeks (304-525-3324) - Advocates are planning a rally at Huntington Courthouse on July 26. The Mayor is scheduled to speak and various other demonstrations and skits will be conducted.

Linda Leasure (304-346-0847) - The Cross-Disability Consumer group Fair Shake will be sponsoring an event on the steps of the Capitol in Lexington at noon with press coverage.

WYOMING - Woody Absher (307-777-7191) - Advocates are publishing a series of articles in newspapers featuring ADA. They are also preparing questionnaires on disability issues for candidates who have qualified to run for office. Additionally, they will have "dog and pony shows" at junior colleges and malls.

National Council on Disability

Achieving Independence: The Challenge For The 21st Century

In 1986, the National Council on Disability issued *Toward Independence*, a report now considered a milestone in the history of disability policy. It set the agenda for the decade, proposing the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The adoption of this law in 1990 was certainly the turning point for the disability community opening the door to empowerment, inclusion, independence, and economic self-sufficiency for 49 million Americans.

Achieving Independence is a follow-up to *Toward Independence*. It is a direct outgrowth of NCD's National Summit on Disability Policy held April 27-29, 1996 in Dallas, Texas with 300 participants who assisted NCD in developing recommendations for the next decade of disability policy. It offers an assessment of the nation's progress in the last decade (1986-1996) in achieving equal opportunity and empowerment and sets the agenda for the next decade.

With the sense of undertaking a complex and potentially controversial challenge, NCD proceeded into this experiment of democracy. People gathered in Dallas from each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. People with all types of disabilities were represented as well as parents and family members. About 20% of the participants were minorities - including Native Americans, African Americans and Hispanic Americans. Participants were from disability organizations, service providing organizations, academia and federal, state, and local government. Federal officials provided technical assistance and background information. A special emphasis was placed on youth with disabilities. Twenty young people with disabilities from age 13-22 participated fully, providing a glimpse of tomorrow's leadership and invigorating today's dialogue.

The recommendations were generated by topical working groups while they were reviewed and amended, NCD has made every effort to remain true to the thinking and deliberations of the people who attended the Summit - and are thus reflective of a cross-cutting set of people with disabilities and disability leaders throughout the nation.

Conclusions

1. Disability policy has made steady progress in the last decade in empowering people with disabilities; however, this progress is threatened, compromised and often undermined by lack of understanding and support in the Congress and among particular segments of society.
2. Most public policy affecting people with disabilities does not yet promote the goals of the ADA -- equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self-sufficiency.
3. Most Americans with disabilities remain outside of the economic and social mainstream of American life.

Overarching Themes of Recommendations

1. Existing laws should be more vigorously enforced.
2. People with disabilities should direct policy and decision making when they are affected by the outcome.
3. Outreach and awareness campaigns must be launched to educate the public about a realistic understanding of disability, the human and societal benefits of achieving independence for people with disabilities and the important role that civil rights and community-based supports play in promoting independence.
4. Incentives for the inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of society must be further developed and implemented.
5. Principles of universal design should be universally applied.
6. Systems, services and supports for people with disabilities must be further developed as a part of the mainstream of community life.
7. Accurate data about people with disabilities should be regularly collected, analyzed and reported.

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Today we celebrate the sixth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, a landmark civil rights law that is slowly breaking down the barriers to full participation that have isolated and excluded people with disabilities in this country throughout our history.

I declared in 1992 that America must have a national disability policy based on three simple creeds: inclusion, independence, and empowerment. I remain committed to that vision. Our vigorous, common sense enforcement of the ADA has opened up doors to classrooms, workplaces, transit systems, restaurants, movie theatres, telecommunications, and town halls for millions of people with disabilities. Our national public education campaign has reached millions to change attitudes and encourage voluntary compliance.

My 1997 budget proposes a 3.9 percent increase in the resources available to enforce the ADA. We are on the path to balancing the budget in seven years; funds are tight all across the government; but this is a national priority.

Everywhere you look, you see signs that the ADA is making a difference in the lives of millions of people across the country. From text telephones to wheelchair ramps to brailled ATM machines, an infrastructure of universal design and universal access is slowly transforming our communities. Attitudinal barriers toward people with mental illness, developmental disabilities and HIV disease are breaking down.

A recent study by the Census Bureau found that the employment rate of people with severe disabilities increased by 27% from 1991 to 1994. This means that 800,000 people with severe disabilities have joined the workforce and are now contributing to our economy. Employment is the key to economic security and we must do more to increase employment opportunities for all people with disabilities.

But we also must keep in mind that a civil rights law alone will not achieve our goal of inclusion, independence and empowerment for people with disabilities. That is why we passed the Family and Medical Leave Act -- and why I have proposed extending it so that

employees can take time off for their children's or parents' routine medical visits.

And that is why I am committed to preserving our national guarantee of Medicaid coverage for people with disabilities. For over 30 years, Medicaid has been a lifesaver for millions of Americans. The Republican Congress sent me legislation to repeal that guarantee. I vetoed it last year, and I will veto it again if they send it to me again.

We also must remember that the ADA builds on and complements another civil rights law which recently celebrated its 20th birthday--the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). By ensuring that students with disabilities are educated to achieve their full potentials, IDEA is preparing young people with disabilities to take full advantage of the opportunities presented by the new global economy and the information revolution.

Ten years ago, the National Council on Disability published a report called "Towards Independence" that contained a blueprint for the ADA. Yesterday, I received a copy of a new report from the National Council called "Achieving Independence." It contains disability policy recommendations to carry us into the next century. I look forward to reading it and encourage listeners to contact the National Council on Disability here in Washington for a copy.

ADA and IDEA, coupled with the information revolution, have dramatically increased our expectations for Americans with disabilities of all ages. Let us mark this ADA anniversary by rededicating ourselves to the fight against disability discrimination, working hard to live up to our country's promise of liberty and justice for all.



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**ATTORNEY GENERAL RENO COMMEMORATES THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Marking the sixth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Attorney General Janet Reno today stepped up the Justice Department's efforts to enforce a law that has been opening doors for millions of Americans with disabilities. Reno announced three new ADA education initiatives, including a worldwide web site.

"Like the Olympics, the ADA has been bringing out the best America has to offer," said Reno. "It's a common sense law that is making it possible for the 49 million Americans with disabilities to get off the sidelines and into the mainstream of society."

Since the ADA became law on July 26, 1990, the Justice Department has conducted a nationwide education campaign to educate businesses, governments, and people with disabilities about the ADA.

Today, Reno announced three new initiatives in the public information campaign, including:

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- a new ADA home page on the worldwide web to allow computer users to easily obtain information about the law's requirements, status reports on enforcement efforts, technical assistance materials, and state and local certification requirements;
- a new "ADA Guide for Small Businesses", containing detailed graphics and explanations of the steps businesses must take to comply with the law. It provides information about the ADA's requirements, such as the width of parking spaces, the incline of ramps, and the height of countertops;
- a joint initiative between state and federal officials to help prevent discrimination against individuals who use service animals. Twenty five state Attorneys General, through the National Association of Attorneys General, are distributing guidance explaining that people with disabilities must be allowed in businesses, such as restaurants, hotels and retail stores, along with their service animals.

"America is becoming more accessible each day," added Reno. "But while barriers are coming down, many still remain."

Over the past six years, the Justice Department has reached agreements in more than 500 matters to open doors for people with disabilities. Through the Department's efforts over the past year alone:

- spectators with disabilities at the Olympics can sit with their family and friends in Olympic Stadium--the most accessible stadium in the world--and watch all the action, even if fans in front stand up to cheer;
- Californians with speech or hearing impairments can get through to 9-1-1 to get emergency assistance;
- shoppers who use wheelchairs can get into the 800 Safeway stores nationwide to spend their money;
- movie-goers with disabilities will not have to sit in the last row at 400 United Artists theaters nationwide; and,
- business travelers with disabilities will start seeing changes at some Days Inn hotels, following the filing of a

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suit against the national chain and its franchisees, architects and contractors.

"We will continue to vigorously enforce the ADA until all obstacles have been removed," added Reno.

Tonight, Reno speaks at a ceremony honoring community members who have demonstrated their commitment to accommodating people with disabilities. The ceremony, sponsored by the Metro Disability Coalition, takes place in Louisville, Kentucky.

People interested in finding out more about the law can call the Justice Department's toll-free ADA Information Line at (800) 514-0301 or (800) 514-0383 TDD or access the ADA home page at <http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm>.

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**FCC RECOGNIZES SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH
DISABILITIES ACT; HOLDS DEMONSTRATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SERVICES THAT EXPAND ACCESS TO THE VOICE TELEPHONE NETWORK
FRIDAY JULY 26, 10:00 AM**

The Federal Communications Commission will hold a Sixth Anniversary celebration of the Americans with Disabilities Act on Friday, July 26, 1996 at 10:00 AM in the Commission Meeting Room (Room 856, 1919 M Street, NW). This event is open to the public. Sign language interpreters and captioning will be provided.

At the event, FCC Chairman Reed Hundt, Chair of the Commission's Disabilities Issues Task Force, and Gallaudet student Tommy Parker will demonstrate a new high-tech Telecommunication Relay Service (TRS) called Video Relay Interpreting (VRI). The Chairman and Mr. Parker will place a call to the VRI Center in Austin, Texas. The call then will be "relayed" through a sign language interpreter between Mr. Parker (who is deaf) and a U.S. Olympic Athlete in Atlanta's Olympic Village.

The Commission has helped implement the ADA by ensuring that Americans with hearing and speech disabilities have access to standard telephone service through use of Telecommunication Relay Service (TRS). In addition, the Commission will implement provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 that aim to ensure telecommunications equipment and services are accessible to people with disabilities where readily achievable and video programming is accessible to people with hearing and/or visual disabilities through the use of closed captioning and video description services.

TRS provides access to the voice telephone network for Americans with hearing and speech disabilities. Required by Title IV of the ADA, TRS is currently offered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Common Carrier Bureau and the DITF places a high priority on the Commission's oversight of the TRS program, which is one of the fastest growing segments of the telecommunications industry.

For further information, or to RSVP, please contact Pam Gregory at (202)418-2498 voice, (202)418-0484 (TTY) or E-mail: pgregory@fcc.gov.

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Three invitees to White House Signing Ceremony from Brain Injury Association

Martin Boger Foil, Junior: Chairman of the Brain Injury Association

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 Chairman Foil is the Chairman and CEO of Tuscarora Yarns, Inc., one of the largest spinners of novelty yarns in the United States with plants in Mt. Pleasant, Oakboro, China Grove and Kingston, North Carolina. Mr. Foil has served his country in the Quartermaster Corps at Fort Benning ((1955-1957) and has served his community, receiving a "Nine Who Care" award in 1983, in addition to being the Brain Injury Association's Chairman since 1992.

George A. Zitnay, Ph.D.: President and Chief Executive Officer of the Brain Injury Association

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 Dr. Zitnay is a Neuropsychologist and has worked as the Director of the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation and as Commissioner of Mental Retardation for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He has served as President and CEO of the Brain Injury Association since 1990 and has recently been asked to serve as the Chairman of the World Health Organization's Neurotrauma Task Force.

The Honorable James Brady: Vice Chairman of the Brain Injury Association

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 Mr. Brady served under President Ronald Reagan as Presidential Press Secretary after occupying the same position during President Reagan's campaign for office. In 1981, Mr. Brady was shot by a would-be presidential assassin. Mr. Brady's injuries have caused him to become an advocate for gun control and for people with brain injuries.

Ross Giacomo: Driver for James Brady

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 Mr. Giacomo served as a White House Driver between January 1982 and April 1992. Among other dignitaries, he drove the Doles, Oliver North and the First Families of the Reagans and Bushes. He has had his photograph taken with Presidents Carter, Reagan and Bush.

Mary Dickerson: Personal Attendant to James Brady

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 Ms. Dickerson has served as Mr. Brady's personal assistant and nurse for the past eleven years. She is by his side (except for photographs) at most times in case of a medical emergency.

The National Organization Serving People with Brain Injury • Promoting Prevention

ADA SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

I am pleased to join citizens across the country in celebrating the sixth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In 1992, I issued a challenge to our nation. I said we must not rest until America has a national disability policy based on three simple creeds: inclusion, not exclusion; independence, not dependence; and empowerment, not paternalism. I remain committed to that vision.

More than ever before in our history, America's greatness in the next century will depend upon the ability of all our citizens to make the most of their own lives. Americans with disabilities are an enormous, largely untapped reservoir of that potential.

Like the civil rights laws that came before it, the Americans with Disabilities Act is grounded in the principles of equal opportunity and fair play. These principles lie at the core of our national identity and at the heart of our national hopes and aspirations. They provide common ground.

But the vision of the ADA will not be realized without the strong commitment of all of us. As we know from our Nation's still unfinished attempt to eradicate race and gender discrimination, the commitment to protecting the rights of persons with disabilities requires perseverance, vigilance, and sustained enforcement efforts.

We have made vigorous enforcement of all laws protecting people with disabilities a top priority of this Administration. We will stay this course until all barriers to the full participation of individuals with disabilities come down.

Consistent with this commitment, my FY 1997 budget proposes a 3.9 percent increase over the current budget for the Department of Justice's ADA enforcement activities. Given the difficult task of balancing the budget in seven years, this increase dramatically demonstrates my commitment to ADA enforcement.

Our commitment goes beyond the nuts and bolts of law enforcement. All too often we hear attacks on the ADA that are based on misinformation. We in government have a responsibility to counter these attacks with the truth.

The essential challenge we face is that too many people fail to appreciate the essence of discrimination that people with disabilities face in their daily lives. Many still don't see discriminatory barriers -- whether they are based on architecture or attitudes. Many still remain trapped by society's stereotypes about disability. Many still think the barriers faced by people with disabilities stem from their disabilities -- and not from what we as a society have erected.

The promise of the ADA -- and all other disability rights laws -- will never be realized until we respond, vocally and visibly, to this challenge. We must work to assure that all Americans fully comprehend that it is wrong to exclude anyone from full participation in society simply because of a disability -- just as wrong as it is to exclude someone because of race, or ethnic origin, or gender, or religion.

We all must remember as we celebrate the ADA that a civil rights law alone will not achieve our vision of inclusion, independence and empowerment for people with disabilities. That's why I fought so hard for measures like the Family and Medical Leave Act. And that's why I am committed to preserving the Federal guarantee of Medicaid coverage for people with disabilities.

For three decades Americans have stood on common ground about the need for guaranteed Medicaid coverage for older Americans, pregnant women, low-income children, and people with disabilities. But last year Congress sent me legislation to repeal that guarantee -- legislation that would have taken away health care coverage from millions of Americans who need it most. I vetoed that legislation, and if they send it to me again and they want to repeal the guarantee, I will veto it again.

Let me be clear. We can balance this budget without repealing guaranteed Medicaid coverage for six million Americans with disabilities who depend upon it, including one million children. Medicaid is a family issue, as people with disabilities know, which makes it possible for more people to get care at home and in their communities. Without the guarantee, a middle-class family with a child with a severe disability could be forced into poverty to pay for the child's medical care. Parents could be forced to give up their jobs to stay home to care for a child. Children and adults who live independently today might be forced into institutions. I will not let that happen.

Access to home and community-based, consumer-directed, long term supports and services is critical for many Americans with disabilities to achieve independence. The vision of community integration, independent living, and competitive employment at the heart of the ADA depends on the existence of home and community-based supports, and I will continue to fight any attempts to roll back these critical services.

Another cornerstone of our national disability policy that undergirds and complements the ADA is the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This law will make it possible for students with disabilities get their share of the high-wage jobs that are opening up in this new economy. I know how much IDEA means to the millions of students with disabilities and to their parents, and I strongly support it.

High school graduates with disabilities who went to school under IDEA have an employment rate of twice that of the overall population of individuals with disabilities. Recognizing the value of investing in quality education, I have requested a 12% increase over 1996 funding in my FY 97 budget for state grant for special education. Some in the Congress have proposed reducing the federal share to its lowest level ever. Just as with Medicaid, I believe we can balance the budget and maintain a strong federal role in the

education of disabled children. I will continue to fight for IDEA because I know it works. Spending money on education, health care, and personal assistant services is an investment in our future.

America is in the best position to be a winner in the global economy of the 21st century because of the depth of our values, the strength of our diversity, the power of our economy. But we don't have a single person to waste. We have to continue to expand opportunity and demand responsibility from all of our citizens. And that means inclusion, not exclusion.

Six years after the historic passage of the ADA, we must redouble our efforts to achieve the law's vision. We must remain committed as we face new challenges, and we must bear in mind the ultimate wisdom embodied in the ADA. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. reminded us, "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice."

THE WHITE HOUSE

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
BY SATELLITE
TO THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON
EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES CONFERENCE
IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN

9:35 A.M. CDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much, Tony, for your remarks, your support, your friendship and your leadership of the committee. I want to say hello to the others who are there -- to John Sweeney and Al Checchi. I want to say a special word of thanks to my good friend, Justin Dart who I know had to leave, but who has been a real champion for Americans with disabilities; indeed, for the rights and interests of all Americans.

I want to say a special word of greeting to the vice chairs of the Committee - Lenore Miller, I. King Jordan, Karen Meyer, Neil Jacobson, Dr. Sylvia Walker, and Ron Drach.

Thank you, all of you who are there, for your very warm welcome. I'm sorry I couldn't join you in person today, I have to be in Milwaukee with the German Chancellor. But I didn't want to miss this opportunity to talk with you about what we must do together to ensure the full participation of the 49 million Americans with disabilities in the vibrant life and economy of our great country.

Three and a half years ago, when I took the oath of office, I had a very clear vision of what I hoped our country could be like as we move into the 21st century. I wanted us to be a country that offers great opportunities to all who are willing to work for them. I wanted us to remain the world's strongest force for peace and freedom. And I wanted us to rebuild our sense of unity and community around the shared ethic of responsibility and a respect for diversity.

Together we've made great progress toward achieving those goals. Our economic strategy to reduce the deficit, expand trade, and invest in our people is paying off. The deficit is now less than half of what it was four years ago. We have 8.5 million more jobs, the lowest combined rates of inflation, mortgage rates and unemployment in 27 years. Homeownership is at a 15-year high, and we have all-time highs in exports and new business

formations for each of the last three years.

We've also worked hard to increase educational opportunities for all Americans - from more positions for children in Head Start, to more affordable college loans, to the national service program. We've done our part to fight to lower the crime rate by passing a Crime Bill which is putting 100,000 police officers on the street, banning assault weapons, and passing the Brady Bill which has kept 60,000 people with criminal records or other disturbing histories from getting handguns. (Applause.) And we have maintained our commitment to a clean, safe environment for all Americans.

Compared to four years ago, the world is also a safer and more peaceful place. The nuclear threat is diminished. No weapons are pointed at the people of the United States. Peace and freedom are taking hold from Haiti to South Africa, to Northern Ireland, to Bosnia, to the Middle East. We have moved a long way in three and a half years.

But today I want to talk to you about our country's future, especially in terms of that first objective - expanding opportunities for every American who is willing to take responsibility for making the most of his or her God-given abilities. The theme of your conference is "Investing in Abilities." That's been something we've tried very hard to do and something I intend to keep on doing.

In 1992, I issued a challenge to our nation. I said we must not rest until America has a national disability policy based on three simple creeds: inclusion, not exclusion; independence, not dependence; and empowerment, not paternalism. (Applause.) I remain committed to that vision, and I want to thank all of you for working so hard with us to make it a reality. More than ever before in our history, America's greatness in the next century will depend upon the ability of all our citizens to make the most of their own lives. Americans with disabilities are an enormous, largely untapped reservoir of that potential.

Employment is the key to economic security for Americans, including people with disabilities. Even though we have created 8.5 million new jobs, it remains a tragedy today that two-thirds of people with disabilities are unemployed. And it's up to all of us - employers, labor, people with disabilities, and government - to work together to change this picture.

In the past four years, we have made progress. We're fighting to make sure that people with disabilities have health care and the living wages they need to live independently. Our strong commitment to the Americans with Disabilities Act has opened up town halls, schools, transportation systems, workplaces, grocery stores, restaurants and movie theaters to millions of people with disabilities. Our 1997 budget calls for an increase in funding for ADA enforcement at the Department of Justice. (Applause.)

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act is preparing students with disabilities to get their share of the high-wage jobs that are opening up in this new economy. I know how much the IDEA means to millions of students with disabilities and to their parents. I strongly support it. (Applause.)

High school graduates with disabilities who went to school under IDEA have an employment rate of twice that of the overall population of individuals with disabilities. We're building on this achievement by supporting efforts like your "High School/High-Tech" program that is guiding promising students to college and careers in science and technology. We're making sure people with disabilities are included in our School-To-Work efforts.

No one - no one - should have to go through what Judy Heumann went through to get an education in our country. She's been a pioneer in the struggle for the rights of people with disabilities. She developed polio when she was 18 months old and she was denied the right to attend public school until the fourth grade. She had to sue to get a teaching job that was denied her because she uses a wheelchair. And during the '70s, she participated in a sit-in that led to the creation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. As my Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services at the Department of Education, she now runs IDEA. That is a remarkable story, and we need more of them. (Applause.)

But you and I know the ADA and the IDEA alone will not achieve our vision of inclusion, independence, and empowerment for people with disabilities. That's why I fought so hard for measures like the Family and Medical Leave Act.

And today I'm announcing that as a result of your work, federal agencies are now developing a better system for tracking the unemployment rate of people with disabilities. This new system will strengthen our ability to include people with disabilities in all our employment policies and programs. In addition, I've asked the Secretary of Commerce to work with the President's Committee and relevant federal agencies to recommend to me ways that we can ensure that people with disabilities are included in all our efforts to assist entrepreneurs and small businesses. So we are making progress. (Applause.)

But let me say there is more to do. First, we must preserve the guarantee of Medicaid coverage for people with disabilities. For three decades Americans have stood on common ground about the need for guaranteed Medicaid coverage for older Americans, pregnant women, low-income children, and people with disabilities. But last year Congress sent me legislation to repeal that guarantee - legislation that would have taken away health care coverage from millions of Americans who need it most. I vetoed that legislation, and if they send it to me again and they want to repeal the guarantee, I will veto it again. (Applause.)

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The second thing we have to do is to strengthen the health security of people with disabilities and, indeed, for all Americans, with the passage of the Kennedy-Kassebaum health

insurance reform bill. This legislation would not allow insurance companies to deny coverage for anybody with a preexisting condition, and will allow people to keep their health insurance if they change jobs or if someone in the family gets sick. So I urge Congress to stop stalling and pass the bill now, as one important step forward. (Applause.)

Finally, let me say I've called on Congress to increase the minimum wage, which will benefit millions of Americans with disabilities who face extra costs for accessible housing and personal assistance. We need that. (Applause.)

All of you know that America is in the best position to be a winner in the global economy of the 21st century because of the depths of our values, the strengths of our diversity, the power of our economy. But we don't have a person to waste. We have to continue to expand opportunity and demand responsibility from all of our citizens. And that means inclusion, not exclusion. (Applause.)

Again, let me thank you, all of you, for everything you've done and for everything you will do. Thank you for the progress we've made and the progress we still will make.

Just last week, I had a very moving visit with Christopher Reeve in the Oval Office, and I mentioned to Christopher that in 1933 the Oval Office was the first government office designed specifically to be accessible to accommodate President Roosevelt. He said to me that it was too bad, that at the time, he had to hide his disability.

I hope with Christopher Reeve that as the Roosevelt Memorial becomes a reality, with your efforts to remove the stigma of disability, they'll find a way to make sure that the American people know that this great, great President was great with his disability.

Thank you all, and God bless you. (Applause.)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 18, 1996

I am pleased to join with all Americans in celebrating the sixth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

I declared when I ran for President in 1992 that America must have a national disability policy based on three simple creeds: inclusion, independence, and empowerment. We must make sure that all Americans understand it is just as wrong to discriminate against someone because of a disability as it is to discriminate against someone because of race, gender, or religion. We must make sure that all Americans understand that excluding someone from full participation in society simply because of a disability is simply wrong.

The promise of the ADA -- and all other disability rights laws -- will never be fully realized until we rise to these challenges. To do that we must first make sure that the ADA is consistently and vigilantly enforced. My Administration has made vigorous enforcement of all laws protecting people with disabilities a top priority. And we will stay this course until all barriers against individuals with disabilities come down. Consistent with this commitment, my budget for 1997 proposes a 3.9 percent increase in the resources available to enforce the ADA. We are on the path to balancing the budget in seven years; funds are tight all across the government; but this is a national priority.

As we celebrate the sixth anniversary of the ADA, we must remember that a civil rights law alone will not achieve our goal of inclusion, independence, and empowerment for people with disabilities. That is why we passed the Family and Medical Leave Act -- and why I have proposed extending it so that employees can take time off for their children's or parents' routine medical visits.

And that is why I am committed to preserving our national guarantee of Medicaid coverage for people with disabilities. For over 30 years, Medicaid has been a lifesaver for millions of Americans. The Republican Congress sent me legislation to repeal that guarantee. I vetoed it last year, and I will veto it again if they send it to me again.

And we must strengthen the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. IDEA makes it possible for students with disabilities to take full advantage of the opportunities of the new global economy and the information revolution. I know how much IDEA means to the millions of students with disabilities and to their parents, and I strongly support it. Each of us must do whatever we can to expand opportunity and demand responsibility from all of our citizens. We can't afford to waste a single person as we go forward toward the twenty-first century. You can count on this Administration to do its part, and I know I can count on Americans across our great land to do theirs.

Bill Clinton

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RADIO ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT
TO THE NATION

The Oval Office

THE PRESIDENT: Good morning. Today I want to talk with you about welfare reform, but first I want to ask you to join with me in celebrating the sixth anniversary of a landmark civil rights law that is breaking down barriers for millions of our fellow Americans, the Americans with Disabilities Act.

I'm joined today by many of the advocates for people with disabilities who made this the law of the land. Because we have enforced this law vigorously and with common sense, people with disabilities now have access to places they never did before, from classrooms to restaurants. Since 1991, 800,000 people with severe disabilities have joined the work force. Because of federal education efforts, tens of thousands of children with disabilities have better educational opportunities. Because of Medicaid, health care for Americans with disabilities can be provided without bankrupting their families, and in a way that promotes their independence. That's a big reason why I oppose repealing Medicaid's guarantee of health care to Americans with disabilities.

All these efforts are good for them, but they're good for all the rest of us, too. So today let us all rededicate ourselves to the fight against disability discrimination.

This morning I want to focus on the great welfare debate now unfolding in Washington and all across our country. This debate is really about our fundamental American values, about expanding opportunity, demanding responsibility, and coming together as a community. For decades our welfare system has undermined the basic values of work and responsibility and family, trapping generation after generation of people in poverty and dependency, exiling millions of our fellow citizens from the world of work that gives structure, meaning, and dignity to our lives. It instills the wrong values, sends the wrong signals, giving children who have children a

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check to set up house on their own, letting millions of fathers walk away from their responsibility while taxpayers pick up the tab.

This system does the most harm to the people it was meant to help. Children who are born to a life on welfare are more likely to drop out of school, fall afoul of the law, become teen mothers or teen fathers, and raise their own children on welfare themselves. I just don't believe that a nation as rich in opportunity as ours is willing to leave millions of people trapped in a permanent under class. We can't leave anyone behind. In fact, what I want for poor families on welfare is what I want for middle class families and upper income families as well. I want people to be able to succeed at home and at work. That will make America stronger and their lives richer.

When I ran for President four years ago, I was very clear, we must end welfare as we know it. And during my time as President, I have used all the powers at my disposal to achieve that goal. We have worked with 41 states to launch 69 welfare-to-work

experiments. For fully 75 percent of people on welfare, the rules already have changed. The New York Times called it a quiet revolution in welfare. I have taken executive action to require teen mothers on welfare to stay in school, requiring mothers to identify the fathers of their children so we can hold every man accountable for the support he owes his family, ordering federal employees to pay child support, putting wanted posters of deadbeat parents in post offices and on the Internet. I directed the Attorney General to crack down on people who owe child support who cross state lines.

All these efforts are paying off at the national and local level. Today there are 1.3 million fewer people on welfare than on the day I took office. Child support collections are up 40 percent to \$11 billion. Paternity identification is up 40 percent, too. We're mending our social fabric and moving in the right direction. Now we have an opportunity to finish the job and pass national welfare reform legislation. Real welfare reform should impose time limits and require work and provide child care, too, so that people can go to work without hurting their children. It should strengthen our child support enforcement laws even more and do more to protect children.

I have challenged Congress to send me bipartisan legislation that reflects these principles. For example, if everyone in America who owes child support legally and can pay it did so, 800,000 women and children would leave the welfare roles tomorrow.

Now, six months ago the Republican majority in Congress sent me welfare legislation it had backwards. It was soft on work and tough on children, failing to provide child care and health care so that people can move from welfare to work without hurting their children, imposing deep and unacceptable cuts in school lunch, child welfare, and help for disabled children. That bill came to me twice and I vetoed it twice.

Since then, I'm pleased to report, there has been considerable bipartisan progress toward real welfare reform. Many of the worst proposals I objected to have been taken out. Many of the improvements I asked for have been put in. The legislation has steadily improved as it has moved through Congress.

Earlier this week, by an overwhelming bipartisan majority, the Senate passed a welfare reform bill that does provide health care and child care, and took some important strides to protect our children. But we still have more work to do to promote work and protect children, though we have come a long way in this debate and we mustn't go back.

To those who have doubts about any welfare reform, I say, we will never lift children out of poverty and dependency by preserving a failed system that keeps them there. And to those who would undo the progress of recent weeks by sending me another extremist bill like the ones I vetoed, I would say, we can only transform this broken system if we do right by our children and put

people to work so they can earn a paycheck, not draw a welfare check. That's the only kind of welfare reform I can sign.

We have a chance to make history. Our welfare system has nagged at our national conscience for far too long. And if we'll put politics aside and work together, we can once again make welfare what it was meant to be: a second chance, not a way of life.

Thanks for listening.

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To: Bill White
From: Nancy Flinn
Date: July 25, 1996
Re: Muffi Lavigne

*My
Best to you -
Nancy*

Bill:

Here is the information on Muffi. She is a great example of strong working laws for people with disabilities, such as IDEA and ADA; and representative of future generations of taxpaying, productive Americans with disabilities.

Margaret Muffi Lavigne

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Margaret "Muffi" Lavigne - represents the future for people with disabilities - educated, employed, empowered and independent with her accommodations. She is a product of IDEA, a 25 year old UCON graduate, working on her Political Science Grad degree at CWU.

Muffi is the information specialist at the national office of United Cerebral Palsy Associations. She has muscular dystrophy and uses a scooter for mobility. Her accommodations on the job are simple - a raised desk, a tool to help her reach and a wonderful assistive Standard Schnauzer, Rudy. Rudy helps pick up dropped items, fetches, helps open doors, is bodyguard and friend assisting Muffi. And he rides the Metro and goes to work every day with her.

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Marca Bristo, Chairperson

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Lillian R. Pollo, Member

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Ela Yazzie-King, Member

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Robert Holland

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Rachel Holland

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SHORT SUMMARIES ON ATTENDEES

MARCA BRISTO, CHAIRPERSON

Marca Bristo of Chicago, Illinois, was selected by President Clinton to become chairperson of the National Council on Disability (NCD) and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on May 12, 1994. Ms. Bristo, president and CEO of Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago, is the first person with a disability appointed to this position.

LILLIAM R. POLLO, MEMBER

Lilliam Pollo of Miami, Florida, was appointed by President Clinton to NCD and confirmed by the U.S. Senate on April 6, 1995. She is a secretary at the University of Miami, School of Medicine, Department of Urology, and also operates her own secretarial service.

HUGHEY WALKER, MEMBER

Hughey Walker of Hemingway, South Carolina, is the former chairman of the Georgetown County Council. The U.S. Senate confirmed Mr. Walker to be a member of NCD on December 22, 1995.

ELA YAZZIE-KING, MEMBER

Ela Yazzie-King of Saint Michaels, Arizona, was appointed by President Clinton to NCD and confirmed by the U.S. Senate on April 6, 1995. She is the regional team coordinator of the Indian Children's Program.

ROBERT AND RACHEL HOLLAND

Robert Holland is the parent of three children and lives in Sacramento, California. The oldest of the three children, Rachel, was born with developmental disabilities. The Holland family fought for civil rights of children with disabilities. The current Administration played an important role in submitting Amicus Briefs on Rachel's behalf to the 9th Circuit Court and the Supreme Court upholding provisions of IDEA and Rachel's full inclusion in the regular classroom. Both Robert and Rachel were participants at NCD's National Summit on Disability Policy.



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July 25, 1996

Ms. Marcia Valabaz
Office of Public Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Marcia:

This is to confirm that I will be attending President Clinton's Radio Address tomorrow, July 26, 1996. The information that you requested is:

1. Donna L. Sorkin

2. [REDACTED] (b)(6) [004]

4. Bio: I am the executive director of the national organization of and for people with hearing loss, Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc. I was appointed by President Clinton to the U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board in September 1994. Prior to my current position, I was a consultant to state and local governments.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this very special activity at The White House.

Sincerely,

Donna L. Sorkin
Executive Director

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Associate Executive Director

DATE: 7/25/96

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Message:

The following is information for Nancy J. Bloch, who will be attending the taping of the President's radio address tomorrow:

*NANCY J. Bloch, Executive Director
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF*

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Ms. Bloch will need a sign language interpreter.

Revised →

Nancy J. Bloch was recently appointed to the U.S. Access Board and is the executive director of the National Association of the Deaf (NAD). She has been an active disability rights advocate for over 15 years.

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[006]

Ms. Bloch will need a sign language interpreter.

Please fax back exactly what the 2 sentence profile should include. How will this "profile" be used?

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 18, 1996

I am pleased to join with all Americans in celebrating the sixth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

I declared when I ran for President in 1992 that America must have a national disability policy based on three simple creeds: inclusion, independence, and empowerment. We must make sure that all Americans understand it is just as wrong to discriminate against someone because of a disability as it is to discriminate against someone because of race, gender, or religion. We must make sure that all Americans understand that excluding someone from full participation in society simply because of a disability is simply wrong.

The promise of the ADA -- and all other disability rights laws -- will never be fully realized until we rise to these challenges. To do that we must first make sure that the ADA is consistently and vigilantly enforced. My Administration has made vigorous enforcement of all laws protecting people with disabilities a top priority. And we will stay this course until all barriers against individuals with disabilities come down. Consistent with this commitment, my budget for 1997 proposes a 3.9 percent increase in the resources available to enforce the ADA. We are on the path to balancing the budget in seven years; funds are tight all across the government; but this is a national priority.

As we celebrate the sixth anniversary of the ADA, we must remember that a civil rights law alone will not achieve our goal of inclusion, independence, and empowerment for people with disabilities. That is why we passed the Family and Medical Leave Act -- and why I have proposed extending it so that employees can take time off for their children's or parents' routine medical visits.

And that is why I am committed to preserving our national guarantee of Medicaid coverage for people with disabilities. For over 30 years, Medicaid has been a lifesaver for millions of Americans. The Republican Congress sent me legislation to repeal that guarantee. I vetoed it last year, and I will veto it again if they send it to me again.

And we must strengthen the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. IDEA makes it possible for students with disabilities to take full advantage of the opportunities of the new global economy and the information revolution. I know how much IDEA means to the millions of students with disabilities and to their parents, and I strongly support it. Each of us must do whatever we can to expand opportunity and demand responsibility from all of our citizens. We can't afford to waste a single person as we go forward toward the twenty-first century. You can count on this Administration to do its part, and I know I can count on Americans across our great land to do theirs.

Bill Clinton

ADA Event Plans

ALASKA -

Jim Beck (907-746-0228) - On July 17, an ADA Picnic will be held in Anchorage to celebrate the 6th anniversary of the ADA.

Joyanna Geisler (907-235-7911) - Advocates in Alaska will also be having a statewide teleconference sponsored by ADA Partners dealing with the ADA on July 16.

ARIZONA - Donna Noland (602-542-6276) - Arizona advocates will hold a Freedom Rally the week after July 26. They are finalizing the details concerning times and location but will focus on this being a voter rally.

ARKANSAS - Nan Ellen East (501-296-1775) - There are several events planned for July including several training sessions dealing with ADA issues including a training by Wendy Wilkinson from Accommodations Network in TX.

CALIFORNIA - Patricia Yeager (619-293-3500) - A large event -- entitled Disability Independence Day -- will be held on July 27 at Balboa Park in San Diego. This event is expected to be attended by several hundred advocates.

COLORADO - Jean Parker (303-839-1775) - In Denver's Washington Park, the second annual Disability Pride Celebration will take place on July 26 sponsored by the Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition.

DELAWARE - Bill McCool (302-764-2400) - Advocates will hold a voter registration drive across the entire state on July 26.

FLORIDA -

Daniel Holder (305-375-3566) - A display dealing with ADA will be set-up in the Downtown Government Center. In addition, on July 18 they are having an awards ceremony with the Commissioners and County Managers giving awards to the County Departments and individuals who have provided/or advocated effectively for accessibility in the area.

Barbara Bernhart (904-487-3423) - The Florida Coordinating Council for ADA plans a Disability Summit in Tallahassee for the week prior to July 26 as a "kick-off" event. Plan to downlink to 6 regions throughout state.

GEORGIA - Nancy Duncan (770-451-2340) - The Olympics will prevent advocates in Georgia to conduct an event on July 26, but advocates are assisting the Atlanta Journal Constitution newspaper with an article dealing with the ADA.

HAWAII - Charlotte Townsend (808-586-8121) - A Mayor's proclamation is planned which will be publicized.

Mark Obatake (808-537-1941) -- The Center for Independent Living plans to run Public Service Announcements through the media.

IDAHO -

Kim McCully (208-336-3335) - The ADA Task Force is encouraging the Governor to sign a proclamation on July 26 in Boise with a related press conference and media coverage.

Krista Kramer (208-883-0523) - For third year in a row, the Disability Action Center will sponsor awareness activities on July 26 in northern Idaho. Details are not final but will include gatherings of people with disabilities and various community awareness activities such as letter writing campaigns and information booths.

ILLINOIS -

Larry Gorski (312-744-7209) - In Chicago, a reception and rally hosted by Mayor Daley will be held from 5 - 7 p.m. on July 26 in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary Conference of PVA in Chicago.

Rene David Luna (312-226-5900) - ADAPT is planning an event in Chicago -- maybe a picnic -- which will be held the Sunday before July 26 so that it doesn't conflict with the Heartland Rally in St. Louis.

Robert Kilbury (217-522-7016) - In Springfield, a Candidates Forum will be held at 1 p.m. on July 26 co-sponsored by the Coalition and the Springfield CIL followed by annual Celebration in Douglas Park. Also 5 - 10 Coalition chapters are planning smaller local events throughout Illinois.

Pete Roberts - Two other events are planned for Springfield - a media breakfast at CIL or press conference at local fully accessible business to not importance of ADA and launch local voter registration campaign.

INDIANA - Nancy Griffin (317-596-6440) - An Ad Hoc Task Force of consumers has organized and are issuing a report on accessibility -- both good and bad within the city. This report will be released at a press conference on either July 25 or 26 at the Central City Mall.

IOWA - Jay Brewer (515-281-9083) - Their Governor will declare July 26 "Supportive Employment Day" with a focus on employment issues. They will issue a press release and encourage local activities to include the involvement of Legislature.

KANSAS - Bob Mikesio (913-841-0333) - Will be holding a Disability Rights Workshop at the Library on July 26 dealing with the ADA, Fair Housing Act, and Kansas Act Against Discrimination.

KENTUCKY -

Gayla Peach (502-564-2967) - The Center for Accessible Living will be conducting a Disability Summit in Frankfort on July 11 with an emphasis on "Vote '96."

Jan Day (502-589-6620) - Advocates in Louisville will be meeting with Mr. John Wodatch from the Department of Justice in July to review civil right protections for people with disabilities.

LOUISIANA

Harry Miley (318-865-1000) - New Horizons, Inc. in Shreveport is planning a press release event on July 26 to focus on the ADA.

Charles Tubre (504-522-1955) - The CIL in New Orleans is planning a news conference with the P & A, and PVA on or around July 26.

Kathryn Hoover (504-736-6087) - They are planning to hold a press conference and are also talking with St. Bernard Parish to put out a press release.

MASSACHUSETTS - Fred Fay (508-371-0992) - Advocates are planning small rally of 15 to 20 people in Concord.

MARYLAND - Marcie Roth (301-865-0845) - A new group -- the Disability Community Democratic Committee -- will be holding an event the weekend of Sept. 15 to "get out the vote" at an accessible State Park to focus on the good news of ADA. Also the MD state ADA Coordinator will be holding meetings with county ADA coordinators around July 26.

MICHIGAN - Don Anderson (313-971-0277) - Advocates are planning a ceremony to be held on the steps of the Michigan Union on July 26.

MINNESOTA - Lolly Lijewski (612-646-8342) - Minnesota's equivalent chapter of Justice For All is planning to hold a press conference or to issue press releases around July 26.

MISSISSIPPI - Shirley Tipton (601-969-0601) - The State's Centers for Independent Living are planning a series of open houses/press conferences at 8 locations around the State.

MISSOURI - Colleen Starkloff (314-534-5100) - Advocates in Missouri are planning a Midwest Heartland Rally in St. Louis on July 28. The march and rally will feature Justin Dart and is expected to draw 2,000 advocates.

MONTANA - Kathy Kelker (406-657-2055) - Advocates are planning a series of 10 to 12 Family Picnics with local candidates and state representatives.

NEBRASKA - Patty Gorham (402-398-1424) - Advocates will incorporate anniversary celebration activities with the visit of Justin Dart on July 9.

NEVADA - Ms. Donny Loux (702-687-4452) - An ADA Campaign sponsored by the

Nevada CILs, working with NV Legal Services, have used the Texas model and have filed 4 lawsuits a week against businesses long out of compliance. This activity will culminate on July 26th with press conferences on a statewide basis.

NEW HAMPSHIRE - Alan Robichaud (603-271-3236) - They have a large celebration planned for July 25 and 26 -- "ADA Rally for Justice: Advocacy in Action". This will include a rally, march, visits with elected officials, a parade, special music program and speakers.

NEW JERSEY - Carol Granaldi, 3 Wythe Road, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - Will be having an ADA celebration event in conjunction with a SLUGS meeting (Sign Language Users Group Socials).

NEW MEXICO - Julie Ballinger (505-266-5022) - Advocates are holding press conferences around the time of the ADA anniversary.

NEW YORK - Danny Roberts (212-366-0432) - A march is planned in New York City on July 26 (from 13th Street to Washington Square Park) and will be followed up by a rally at Loeb Student Center at New York University. The rally will include entertainment by bands of people with disabilities and displays by different organizations.

NORTH CAROLINA - Chester Helms (704-375-3977) - In Raleigh, advocates will hold a birthday party and press conference. On July 26 in Charlotte, they will hold a grand open house at a retrofitted fully-accessible office location in a high-rise building.
Roger Foshee (919-715-2302) - The State DBTAC affiliate will hold a rally and press conference on July 26 in front of the State Board of Elections Office. In Greenville, advocates will hold a concert with information booths.

OHIO - Brad Coleman (614-864-1199) - MOBILE reports that a press conference will be held in Reynoldsburg in front of a bridge which was not constructed in compliance with the ADA.

OKLAHOMA - Carla Lawson (918-592-1235) - Advocates are having an open house which features drawings for free ADA accessibility surveys, policy reviews, brailings, workshops, disability awareness trainings, and job accommodation assessments.

OREGON - Tom Ciesielski (503-232-7452) - In Portland, on July 26 advocates are having an All Day Festival in Pioneer Square in the center of town. This will include rallies, presentations, booths, and other activities - from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA - Linda Anthony (717-238-0172) - ADAPT will be staging a walk in Pittsburgh from Liberty Center to another area of the city on July 26 from 1 - 3 p.m.

They believe they will have the mayor's participation along with a proclamation signing. Linda will lead the march dressed in a Statute of Liberty costume.

RHODE ISLAND - Bob Cooper (904-488-8062) - Will publish a multi-page colored insert for a business newspaper, "Providence Business News" to be published during week of July 22. This insert will relate positive experiences by businesses made accessible; list companies and nonprofit organizations who will provide assistance regarding compliance; etc.

SOUTH CAROLINA - Sandra Frier (1-800-269-2710 or 803-779-5121) - The Disability Action Center is sponsoring a forum on July 28 and is inviting all political candidates to address the group. These forums will also encourage individuals with disabilities to get out and vote.

SOUTH DAKOTA - Glade Jones (605-394-1930) - Advocates are using Justin Dart's visit on July 11 as a tie-in for publicizing the anniversary of the ADA.

TENNESSEE - Roger Blue (615-327-0294) - Advocates are planning a festival in the Legislative Plaza. The Coalition will also be meeting with the editorial board of the newspaper to try and get some articles printed.

TEXAS -

Belinda Carlton (512-478-3366) - Advocates are planning a rally in the rotunda of State Capitol in Austin on July 26. They have also scheduled a conference in Dallas on July 19 during which presentations will be made about the ADA and advocacy.

Bob Kafka (512-442-0252) - ADAPT of Texas is planning the 1st Annual Disability Rights Awards and Bar-B-Q which will be held in Austin on July 26.

Scott Ingram (903-295-1686) - The Longview Mayor's Committee plans to hold an event at the local library and to generate mailings of ADA post cards.

UTAH - Helen Roth (801-753-5353) - Each of the four Centers for Independent Living will be planning a special event including an annual picnic in Logan.

VERMONT - Peter Youngvaer (802-223-6140) - Advocates plan to issue a press release in conjunction with the ADA Anniversary on July 26.

WISCONSIN - Tom Hlavacek (414-342-8700) - There will be a big birthday party with cake cutting by the Mayor in conjunction with an enormous summer festival in Milwaukee, WI with tens of thousands of people in attendance.

WEST VIRGINIA -

Ed Schartener and Anne Weeks (304-525-3324) - Advocates are planning a rally at Huntington Courthouse on July 26. The Mayor is scheduled to speak and various other demonstrations and skits will be conducted.

Linda Leasure (304-346-0847) - The Cross-Disability Consumer group Fair Shake will be sponsoring an event on the steps of the Capitol in Lexington at noon with press coverage.

WYOMING - Woody Absher (307-777-7191) - Advocates are publishing a series of articles in newspapers featuring ADA. They are also preparing questionnaires on disability issues for candidates who have qualified to run for office. Additionally, they will have "dog and pony shows" at junior colleges and malls.

Democratic

News

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DNC General Chairman Chris Dodd Marks Sixth Anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act

WASHINGTON. -- Democratic National Committee General Chair Chris Dodd today marked the occasion of the sixth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to renew the Democratic Party's commitment to the rights of American's with disabilities and restate the Party's strong support for the full participation and inclusion by people with disabilities in all aspects of American society. The following is Dodd's statement:

"Last year, President Clinton and Democrats in the Congress fought hard to protect the interests of people with disabilities against Newt Gingrich and the extremist Republican leadership in the House and Senate intent on slashing programs critical to the well-being of people with disabilities across this nation. Republicans advanced numerous proposals that would have gutted Medicaid, Medicare, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and many other crucial programs designed to protect children, people with disabilities, seniors and, generally, the most vulnerable members of our society.

"But presenting a united front was not enough. Fighting off the Republican efforts to undermine the Americans with Disabilities Act would not have been possible without the magnificent cooperation we received from activists in the disability community all across the nation. Working together, we were able to successfully expose to the American public the true nature of the proposed Republican cuts and mobilize a nation-wide coalition to successfully block many of the most loathsome of these Republican proposals.

"In spite of our success, much of the progress that people with disabilities have made over the last quarter century remains at risk. The upcoming elections present what is probably the clearest choice of priorities among parties and presidential candidates that voters in this country have had in the last century. These choices are particularly clear for the 49 million Americans with disabilities who comprise approximately 20% of our nations population. People with disabilities can and will play a crucial role in the upcoming Presidential and Congressional elections in helping to determine what path this nation will follow into the next century. Only through active participation in the political process can people with disabilities preserve the advances that have been made and pave the way for continued improvements in the lives of millions of Americans with disabilities."

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