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May 13, 1997

Mr. William White, Jr.
Associate Director of Public Liaison
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1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
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Dear Mr. White:

Thank you for speaking with me, Paul Marchand, and William Bruno last week about the importance of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act, (JWOD). As you know, the JWOD program provides critical employment and training opportunities for individuals with severe disabilities.

The modification of the Department of Defense's Commissary legislation is a very positive step, and I wanted to thank you for your successful efforts to modify the legislation. The changes in JWOD that initially had been proposed would have had a major negative impact on the ability of individuals with severe disabilities to maintain their self-sufficiency and to engage in productive work. Moreover, the "savings" that such changes would have produced were highly questionable.

In the future if I can provide you with information about vocational rehabilitation issues or the role of community rehabilitation programs please let me know. My telephone number is (703) 641-2705.

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January 14, 1998

Warm greetings to everyone gathered in Chicago for the 1998 NISH National Training Conference.

Today, we are enjoying a time of unprecedented growth and prosperity in America, with the prospect of an even brighter future in the 21st century. But we cannot consider ourselves truly successful until all Americans have access to the resources and opportunities they need to make the most of their lives. For six decades, your efforts to expand employment opportunities for Americans with severe disabilities have helped to diversify our workforce and strengthen the public's appreciation of the contributions that people with disabilities make to our society.

Your work through the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Program is a shining example of what government can accomplish in partnership with the American people. It represents a public-private partnership that creates opportunities, rewards performance, and enables those who might otherwise be left out to share in the American Dream.

As you celebrate the 60th anniversary of the JWOD Program, I commend you for your dedicated service and send best wishes for an enjoyable and productive conference.

Bill Clinton