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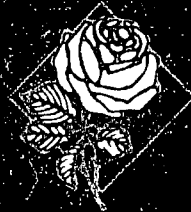
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President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities

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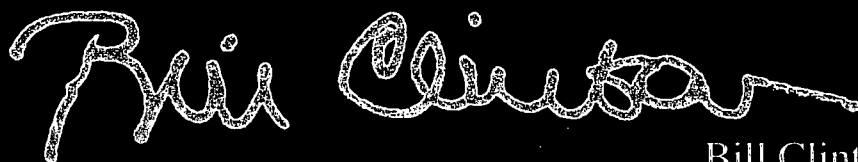
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ADA SUMMIT

We have joined together to seek the full and harmonious implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. At the same time we strive to stem litigation, fear, hostility and expense that could occur, if we do not work together. Wendy Lechner, National Federation of Independent Business

My highest priorities as your next President are to restore economic opportunity and rebuild a sense of community in our great nation. That is why I believe the ADA is so important.... I am strongly committed to full implementation and enforcement of the ADA, because I believe that our entire nation will share in the economic and social benefits that will result from full participation of Americans with disabilities in our society.



Bill Clinton

On behalf of President Lane Kirkland and our 14 million members ... I say to you that whenever the rights of people with disabilities are challenged, labor will be there to answer the call. Richard Womack, Director for Civil Rights, AFL-CIO

We have not resolved all of our differences, but we have achieved an historic fundamental agreement among business, labor, government and the disability community to cooperate for the full implementation of ADA. Pat Wright, DREDF



THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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CHAIRMAN
JUSTIN DART

January 13, 1993

Dear Colleague:

Enclosed is a copy of the interim report of the ADA Employment Summit held on December 2nd, in Washington, D.C. Although the work of the Summit is not finished - our work groups continue their labors - we believe that historic progress has occurred.

1. President-elect Clinton, in a written statement to the Summit, reaffirmed his strong commitment to "full implementation and enforcement of the ADA." This commitment was underlined and clarified by the personal participation in the Summit of Clinton colleague Senator Tom Harkin, Transition Team disability leader Bob Simpson and Clinton disability campaign leader Sharon Mistler.

2. More than 200 leaders of business, labor, government and the disability community, among them former opponents in the long debates over the passage of ADA, reached an unprecedented agreement to cooperate for full and harmonious implementation. Not all differences were resolved, but common goals were identified, and the Summit voted to establish an ongoing committee to facilitate cooperative pursuit of those goals.

It is incumbent on all of us now to utilize these landmark expressions of national will, and the national leadership which they promise, to make cooperative implementation of the ADA a reality in every mainstreet America. Limited numbers of additional copies of the report may be obtained from the President's Committee.

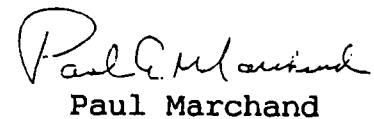
We congratulate John Lancaster, Liz Savage, Natalie Shear, Paul Hearne, Maggie Roffee, Paul Hippolitus, Wilson Hulley and all the organizers and members of the Summit (full list in the report). Once again Americans have come together in the great tradition of our Constitutional founders, and democracy has advanced. Let us join together to keep the promise of the Summit, and of ADA.

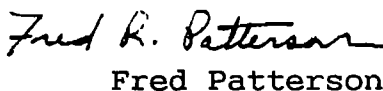
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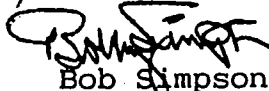

Tony Coelho


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A BUSINESS

GUIDE FOR

HIRING PEOPLE

WITH

DISABILITIES

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 6/8

Justin
Dart
(Disables)

NOTE FOR: Mike Lux

The President has reviewed the attached, and it is forwarded to you
for your:

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Thank you.

JOHN D. PODESTA
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
(x2702)

cc:

Memorandum for Service

Presidential Phone Calls



DATE: 6-7

TIME: 10:30
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WITH: Justin Bart

SUBJECT: "He on the team

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outside advocate."

FOLLOW UP: _____

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 26, 1993

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE LINDSEY AND MARK GEARAN

SUBJECT: Disability Position

FROM: Mike Lux

Attached is a memo from Paul Miller on the idea of having a disability sensitive person on the WH staff, and more specifically, on someone he thinks would be good for that role: Becky Ogle.

I know there is not an available slot in OPL for such a person, nor are we structured in a way where staff is assigned to constituencies, but I think such a staff person slotted somewhere in the WH would be a valuable asset. Given the challenges that people with disabilities face that many people don't tend to think of naturally, and given the political challenges we've had in dealing with this constituency, such a person could save us a lot of headaches.

cc: Alexis Herman
Steve Hilton

Mike / Alexis:
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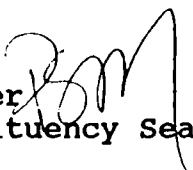
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WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mike Lux

FROM: Paul Steven Miller 
Disability Constituency Search Manager

DATE: February 23, 1993

SUBJECT: Becky Ogle

As we discussed yesterday, I am writing to you about BECKY OGLE, a very talented and committed woman with a disability. As you know, Becky was quite active in the campaign and at the Presidential Inauguration Committee focusing on issues concerning persons with disabilities. As a result of the work of persons like Becky, President Clinton's Inauguration was the most accessible to and inclusive of persons with disabilities in history. She has demonstrated a true dedication to this administration. I have personally worked with Becky and was very impressed. In addition, Pat Wright and Liz Savage of Disability Rights and Education Defense Fund, Inc. (DREDF) both speak very highly about Becky's talents and judgment.

The particular expertise that Becky can bring to the administration is in the area of advance, communications and/or public liaison. Specifically, Becky can be the administration's advance/public liaison expert on disability accessibility and inclusiveness. Not only can Becky ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, but she can also ensure the inclusion of persons with disabilities in administration events.

For example, Becky can focus on accessibility issues for bill signings, town hall meetings, presidential events, etc. Becky can be responsible for arranging for sign language interpreters, close-captioning of events, braille materials, ensuring architectural accessibility, and full inclusion of disabled members of the public. It is important to note that although Becky's expertise is in the area of disability access technical assistance, she need not be limited solely to these issues.

Although there is a need in this administration for the skills that Becky possesses, there is not any specific position in the plum book to address these needs. I appreciate your attention to figuring out how best to meet these needs of the administration with Becky. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any further questions.

Justin Dart
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The President's Committee on
Employment of People With Disabilities

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TO: Mike Lux
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FROM: Justin Dart

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CHAIRMAN
JUSTIN DART

June 3, 1993

Hon. Bill Clinton
President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

I respectfully request that you appoint a person to replace me as Chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities by December 1, 1993. It would be an honor for me to continue to serve during all or any portion of the intervening months in order to complete current projects and to cooperate with an orderly transition.

It has been a privilege to serve in your administration, and to work with some great members of your people first team like Tom Harkin, Steny Hoyer, Major Owens, Bob Silverstein, Mike Lux, Debbie Fine, Bob Boorstin, Fred Fay, Bob Simpson, Paul Miller, and Bob Sevigny. You have reinforced your campaign support for the Americans with Disabilities Act. You have made some splendid appointments that empower authentic disability rights advocates in your administration: Judy Heumann, Marca Dristo, Max Starkloff, Hughey Walker, Bonnie O'Day, Michelle and Michela Alioto and others.

To an unprecedented extent you have involved representatives of major disability community constituencies in the White House decision making process - especially in developing the health care reform plan. Your cooperation with my agency and with me personally has been outstanding. You have reached out to us; you have responded to us; you have not tried to limit us.

I have been Chairman of the President's Committee for almost four years. While the percentage of Americans with disabilities in the productive mainstream probably has not changed much during that

DIGNITY, EQUALITY, INDEPENDENCE THROUGH EMPLOYMENT

period, our nation has created and begun to use powerful tools for progress: the ADA, and several other progressive laws and programs. My PCEPD colleagues and I have played modest but significant roles in that historic process. Internally, progress has been made toward making PCEPD a more effective force for people first change in the long run. Authentic representatives of disability constituencies have been empowered as staff and committee members, contractors, speakers and advisers. Many more leaders of business, government and labor have been brought into the decision making process. PCEPD has increasingly become a platform for citizens to speak for themselves. As is always the case when dependent people emerge from paternalism to self-determination, there has been certain tension between the old leadership and the new. That tension is being addressed. Executive Director Rick Douglas, his great staff and our hundreds of patriot volunteers are well on their way to creating our agency as a forum for and a communicator of empowerment that is worthy of the Presidency of the United States. I believe I leave you and my successor a foundation for further progress.

Much has been done. There is much, much more to do. The right new Chairperson - hopefully a person with a disability, who is a proven administrator and advocate of ADA and empowerment - can bring a fresh persona to the next order of business: consolidation, refinement, systematic expansion and resolving residual tensions.

I resign at this time principally because I feel a profound responsibility to focus all of my energy as a full time advocate for the equality of people with disabilities on the national and international levels.

1. I am profoundly alarmed by our nation's lack of response to the challenge which you so eloquently articulated in your inaugural address: WE MUST DO WHAT NO GENERATION HAS HAD TO DO BEFORE. WE MUST INVEST MORE IN OUR OWN PEOPLE, IN THEIR JOBS, IN THEIR FUTURE, AND AT THE SAME TIME CUT OUR MASSIVE DEBT.

Lobbies for status quo systems are mounting vicious opposition to necessary change. Our nation has all the resources to create a quality of life for all its people that will surpass the wildest imagination of utopian fiction. But those resources are rapidly eroding. We as individuals, we as a nation, must immediately unite in sacrificial effort to overcome the forces that pander to our fears, to pay our debts and to make significant investments in

the empowerment of every citizen, including every citizen with a disability, to live the magnificent potential of an age of science and free enterprise. If we do not win this battle, it will be tragic for our grandchildren and for democracy in the world. People with disabilities will suffer first and most.

2. In today's totally interdependent world, responsibility for the dignity and quality of human life does not end at our national borders. More than half a billion people with disabilities form the world's most impoverished, isolated and oppressed minority. In many nations, we who have disabilities are left to beg and to die in the streets. Under the best circumstances we are the dependent, subservient subjects of authoritarian, paternalistic welfare, segregated out of sight and out of mind. In almost all nations many of us are incarcerated without due process of law in institutions or back rooms, where too often we are forcibly drugged, beaten, raped, and even starved. Sometimes we are simply killed.

America - the birthplace of equal opportunity, free enterprise democracy - has not fulfilled its responsibility to address this obscene holocaust. Now, with the passage of ADA, we Americans have an even greater responsibility. For the first time in the history of the world, people with disabilities have been declared by a major nation to be fully equal members of the human race. The international disability community is watching with excited, fearful hope. Will ADA create a viable movement for emancipation in Moscow and Mogidishu? Or will hope turn to disillusionment, devaluation of the concept of equality, and condemnation to continued generations of abject poverty, outcast status and early death.

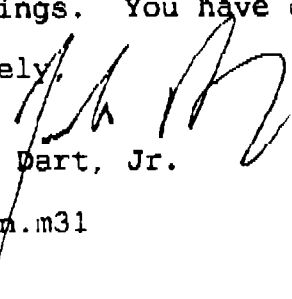
As an advocate who urged the skeptical to support the full equality and empowerment of people with disabilities now, I cannot live with my conscience if I fail to accept my personal share of responsibility to keep the promise of ADA to America and to the world. I have no illusion that I alone can cause any historic change, but if enough of us suspend business as usual, and devote all that we are to the struggle for a responsible society, the future can be better.

Mr. President, I remain a Republican. But I am first an American. Please know how deeply I respect your leadership for the empowerment of all people with and without disabilities as fully equal, fully productive, fully welcome participants in the good

life that can be. Please know that, with whatever title, or with none, I will give every ounce of my effort to working with you for this great goal.

Mrs. Dart joins me in wishing you and your family good fortune in all things. You have our respect, our prayers and our love.

Sincerely,



Justin Dart, Jr.

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President's Committee on Employment
of People with Disabilities

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Contact: Dina Dorich
202-376-6200

JUSTIN DART RESIGNS AS CHAIR OF PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

(Washington, DC, June 3, 1993) Today, Justin Dart, Jr. asked the President to replace him as Chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities by December 1. Dart, who was appointed by President Bush in 1989, said he felt that there had been substantial progress toward initiating "people first" policies at his agency, and that he wanted more time to advocate for the rights of people with disabilities.

He praised President Clinton's support for the ADA, his disability related appointments, and his efforts to involve disability community leaders in White House policy decisions like health care reform. Dart told the President, "Your cooperation with my agency and with me personally has been outstanding. You have reached out to us; you have responded to us; you have not tried to limit us."

"I resign at this time principally because I feel a profound responsibility to focus all of my energy as a full time advocate for the equality of people with disabilities on the national and international levels," Dart said. He called for America to "unite in sacrificial effort to overcome the forces that pander

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to our fears, to pay our debts and to make significant investments in the empowerment of every citizen, including citizens with disabilities, to live the magnificent potential of an age of science and free enterprise." He called the situation of the world's more than half a billion people with disabilities an "obscene holocaust," and said, "I cannot live with my conscience if I fail to accept my full personal share of our responsibility to keep the promise of ADA to America and to the world."

A long time disability rights advocate, Dart has held five presidential, one congressional and five gubernatorial appointments in the area of disability policy, serving under both Republicans and Democrats. During the last ten years he has played a leading role in developing and advocating for national disability rights initiatives, particularly the ADA, visiting each of the 50 states at least four times.

In 1990 Dart appeared on the dais with President Bush when he signed the ADA. On May 11 of this year, he was a recipient of the Hubert Humphrey Award for civil rights leadership. On that occasion, keynote speaker President Clinton praised his work "as Chair of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, and leader in making the Americans with Disabilities Act come to life."

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: June 12, 1993

NOTE FOR:

ALEXIS, RAHM, RASCO, SLR

The President has reviewed the attached, and it is forwarded to you for your:

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SLR please do response
Coordinate with Alexis or Mike Lux.

Thank you.

JOHN D. PODESTA
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
(x2702)

cc:

Justin Dart (exists)

From
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Pres. Comm.
on Ann/w/Dis.

cc: SLR
Mike
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June 7, 1993

Dear Mr. President,

I was deeply moved by
your telephone call today.

Please know how proud I

am of your ~~courageous~~

advocacy for people first
policies — for the rights of people
with disabilities.

I also want you to know
that the enclosed letter was
written before you called.

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June 7, 1993

Mr. David Wilhelm
Chairman
Democratic National Committee
430 South Capitol Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Mr. Wilhelm:

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As a person with a disability and a life-long advocate for human rights, I want to express my most profound admiration and support for the historic contributions that many Democrats have made and are making to the equality and empowerment of 43 million Americans with disabilities.

- Tom Harkin, the father of ADA in the Senate, Mr. Profile in Courage.
- Steny Hoyer, Major Owens, and Norman Mineta, heroes of ADA in the House.
- Tony Coelho, who introduced the ADA in the House, and has been a mighty advocate since his resignation.
- Bob Silverstein, architect of ADA as a masterpiece of justice and free enterprise democracy - and many others.

I am particularly impressed by the strong support that President Clinton has given to people with disabilities.

He has made repeated firm pledges to implement the ADA. He has appointed several magnificent disability rights advocates to serve in his administration. To an unprecedented extent he has involved representatives of major disability community constituencies in the White House decision making process - especially in developing the health care reform plan. His cooperation with the agency which I chair has been outstanding. He has reached out to us; he has responded to us; he has not tried to limit us.

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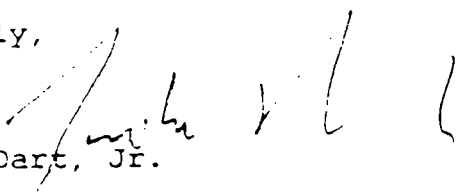
I appreciate the members of the President's great people-first team that I have come to know: Mike Lux, Debbie Fine, Bob Boorstin, Paul Miller, Dave Anderson and others. I appreciate your appointment of Bob Sevigny, who has been a good friend of people with disabilities at DNC.

I remain a Republican. But I am first an American. It is morally and economically imperative that all Americans unite with President Clinton to overcome the lobbies for an obsolete, wasteful status quo that pander to our fears and to our addictions. We must unite in sacrificial personal and collective effort to pay our debts and to make significant investments in the empowerment of all citizens, with and without disabilities, to live the magnificent potential of an age of science and free enterprise. If we do not win this battle for individual and social responsibility, it will be tragic for our grandchildren and for democracy in the world. People with disabilities will suffer first and they will suffer most.

People with disabilities cannot afford big money PACs. Mrs. Dart and I make this contribution from hearts filled with love, hope and anguish for democracy. We urge the President and the Party to continue supporting the ADA, health care that meets the needs of all people with disabilities, investments in the productivity of all Americans, and the elimination of deficits.

We appreciate your personal contributions to the nation. We wish you good fortune in all things.

Sincerely,



Justin Dart, Jr.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Mike - This is
what Mark
sent me.*

May 14, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR ALEXIS HERMAN, CAROL RASCO AND MARK GEARAN

SUBJECT: Personal Assistance Service Task Force

FROM: Mike Lux
Special Assistant to the President
Public Liaison

Attached is a letter from Marca Bristo, who has just been appointed Chair of the National Council on Disabilities. Her letter lays out a recommendation on how to fulfill the President's campaign promise (also attached) to form a task force on personal assistance services. After discussing several options with Marca, Judy Heumann (Assistant Secretary-designee, OSERS, Department of Education), Bobby Silverstein (Subcommittee on Disability), and Bob Sevigny (DNC), I would agree that this was the most appropriate to pursue.

It is clear to me based on feedback from the leadership of the disability community that we will need to address this campaign promise. Please let me know what you think of this option. Thanks.

cc: Steve Hilton
Kevin Thurm
John Monahan

Carol
I defer to you.
Mark

Marca Bristo
2970 North Lake Shore Drive Apt. 3EF
Chicago, IL 60675

Michael Lux
Office of The Public Liaison
The White House

Dear Mike:

This letter is a follow up to our discussion on May 7, 1993 regarding Personal Assistance Services (PAS). The disability community is aware of the Administration's efforts to create additional PAS through the current health care reform. We are encouraged by the sincere attempts being made to secure needed services through major changes in long term care. Based on current assumptions arrived at in our meeting with Ira Magaziner, there are a number of PAS issues in need of continued development. For example, the multiple Federal programs that impact PAS, such as the Rehabilitation Act Reauthorization of 1992, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Title III of the Older Americans Act, are growing as the Administration plans new initiatives in the arenas of school to work transition, volunteer service and welfare reform. Coordination of efforts, technical advice and policy development are needed as PAS expansion and delivery systems are being created and implemented.

It is in this context that I reaffirm the recommendation made by Judy Heumann, Bobby Silverstein, Bob Sevigny and myself that the President establish a National Working Group on Personal Assistance Services under the auspices of the National Council on Disability. I am eager to discuss with you these ideas and suggestions regarding the details of membership, structure and budget as soon as you can. I pledge you my ongoing support and commitment as we make progress on this important issue.

Cordially,

Marca Bristo AD

Marca Bristo
Chairperson Designee,
National Council on
Disability

cc: Judy Heumann, Bobby Silverstein, Bob Sevigny.



Statement of Governor Clinton on Personal Assistance Services

I support efforts to make affordable personal assistance services available to Americans with disabilities. We must ensure that all people have the opportunity to live independent lives. People who have disabilities and have a need for personal assistance services should have maximum control over the care they receive. Personal assistance services must be consumer-driven -- they must meet the needs and desires of the user, not the dictates of the supplier.

I believe that personal assistance services are of the utmost importance. I understand that every person has different needs. For this reason, I believe that every individual has a right to personal care.

I believe that personal assistance services should be provided by a wide range of qualified individuals. In my proposal for a National Service Trust Fund, I have suggested that young men and women who go to college can pay for their education by spending two years working in jobs which serve our community -- teaching our children, policing our streets, rebuilding our infrastructure. Employment in personal assistance services should be an option in this program, and I hope thousands of men and women choose it. This is only one of many ways in which we can expand the scope of available services.

Personal assistance services should be a part of any comprehensive health care reform plan. For this reason, I intend to appoint a task force, including individuals with disabilities, on the role of personal assistance services and long term care in health care reform. I have promised to submit a reform package to Congress in the first 100 days of my Administration. The task force will submit recommendations on reform in that time period.

It is time for America to realize that silence on issues of concern to people with disabilities is as damaging as prejudice. As President, I will work with individuals with disabilities to empower people to live independently. I will bring people together and make this plan a reality.

October 16, 1992

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President's Committee on Employment
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DISABILITY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

BULLETIN

FEBRUARY, 1995

NEW NAME. At the November meeting of the President's Committee's Executive Board a suggestion was made to rename the Disability Leaders Network with a title that better describes its function. Since the network is primarily a tool to facilitate two-way communication between the President's Committee and disability organizations in the states, our network is now called The Disability Communications Network.

MEMBERSHIP. If you have received a copy of this bulletin in the mail, you are currently a member of this Network. Many of you participated in the telephone conference calls that were conducted in each state during 1993 and last Spring and resulted in the publication of "Operation People First: Toward A National Disability Policy." That publication, which was sent to the President and key Administration officials, listed the policy issues that the teleconference participants said must be resolved to enable people with disabilities and their circle of families and friends to participate fully in our society.

BENEFITS. As a member of this Network you now receive the "Disability Communications Network News." You will also receive timely information about how "people inside the beltway" are dealing with the issues discussed in "Operation People First" as well as other informational materials produced by the President's Committee.

ACTIVITIES. We hope that you will provide us with your opinions and knowledge and share the information that you receive with your networks. We are currently in the process of forming state teams to more efficiently communicate information that needs quick dissemination. Occasionally we provide lists or labels from the Network to other federal or disability organizations that have information that they wish to share with you. As this is a communications network we need to keep the lines of communication open and network with as many other organizations as possible. If you wish your name removed, please write, telephone or fax us with the clear spelling of your name and your state.

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46TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

May 12-14, 1993

Cervantes Convention Center
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Hosted by:

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RE:

Please advise:

_____ POTUS should attend
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**IF YOU THINK POTUS SHOULD ATTEND PLEASE DRAFT A
PROPOSAL AND EVENT MESSAGE FORM ASAP.**

Additional Comments:

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President's Committee on Employment
of People with Disabilities

December 12, 1995

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is an honor for me to invite you to be the keynote speaker at the 49th Annual Conference of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, on May 22, 1996, in Detroit, Michigan.

As you may know, the President's Committee's Annual Conference is the largest meeting in the country on issues related to the employment of people with disabilities, attracting over 3,000 attendees annually. Representatives of business, organized labor and government gather with disability rights leaders, educators and members of veterans' organizations to discuss the full range of subjects that impact employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

Our conference attendees would be eager to hear you reiterate your strong commitment to civil rights for people with disabilities. I feel that your participation in this Michigan conference during the primary season represents an outstanding opportunity for you to reach out to a large, supportive audience with your vision for the future of the country. You and I know that business, labor and the disability community must work together to maintain America's leadership in the global economy; this conference will give you a unique platform to express your direction and goals for the nation.

I know that you will seriously consider this invitation to be with us and to demonstrate your conviction that "We do not have a single person to waste." I look forward to a favorable reply.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Tony Coelho, consisting of a stylized 'T' and 'C'.

Tony Coelho
Chair

TC:EE:BF



President's Committee on Employment
of People with Disabilities

FAX TO: Debbie Fine
Chris Gruin
@ 456-6682

From: John A. Lancaster 

Subject: Your request for information on upcoming events

Date: 16 January 1996

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Happy New Year!!!

On January 4th you faxed to this office a request for information on our upcoming events. I apologize for the lateness of this response, but with the furlough and snow it has just caught up with me. I trust this response to your questions will still be timely:

- ▶ 49th Annual Conference of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities;
- ▶ Detroit, Michigan at the Westin Hotel at the Renaissance Center;
- ▶ approximate number of attendees based on recent years attendance - 3,000;
- ▶ the theme - "Investing in Ability";
- ▶ contact person: John Lancaster, Executive Director at 202-376-6200, ext. 18.

I should add that at some point in time every President has addressed an Annual Conference of the President's Committee. Given that this is an election year and the event is in the important state of Michigan, it would be an excellent opportunity for President Clinton to address our Conference and get his message out to an important constituency, the disability community. The President has already been invited to speak at the Conference by our Chairman, Tony Coelho. Please see the attached letters.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.



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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tony Coelho".

Tony Coelho
Chair

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President's Committee on Employment
of People with Disabilities

December 12, 1995

Mr. Leon E. Panetta
Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Leon:

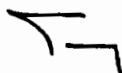
As Chair of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, I have sent a letter inviting President Clinton to be the keynote speaker at our 49th Annual Conference, on May 22, 1996, in Detroit, Michigan.

I feel this would be an excellent opportunity for the President to highlight his platform to a responsive audience of more than 3,000 representatives of business, organized labor and the disability community, during the primary season.

Attached is a copy of my letter to the President. I would appreciate your discussing this matter with him at your earliest convenience. Should the President decide to accept, please inform me by January 15, 1996, so that we can include this information in our conference materials.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,


Tony Coelho
Chair

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Enclosure

This meeting is in a key
state - Michigan - at a
good time - May - good
crowd - over 3K people -
and good issues -
Medicare / Medicaid - he
can take credit for some
programs!! Seems like a
plus all around!!

(FC)



President's Committee on Employment
of People with Disabilities

August 15, 1994

Mr. Mike Lux
Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

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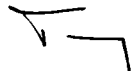
Dear Mr. Lux: *mike -*

It's my pleasure to share with you a copy of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities' 1994 National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) booklet and poster .

National Disability Employment Awareness Month is the kick-off month for year-round activities and programs to ensure that persons with disabilities are part of the diversified workforce of this nation. President Clinton has said, "In a competitive global economy, our country doesn't have a single person to waste -- opportunity must be open to everyone." The observance of this month and the education that will occur during the year will do much to move the President's agenda forward.

I hope you will join us in celebrating October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. If you need additional copies of this information, contact Faith Kirk on 202/376-6200, Ext: 13.

Sincerely,


Tony Coelho
Chairman