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January 21, 1993

Ms. Cheryl Mills
Associate General Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Mills:

Congratulations on your appointment as Associate General Counsel to the President.

Enclosed is a report of our historic Americans with Disabilities Act Summit. As you see, the Clinton Administration is off to a great start with the 43 million member disability community. However, it is vital that there be good follow up.

Our Executive Director, Rick Douglas, and I will cooperate with you in every way possible to keep our Administration's promises to citizens with disabilities. We hope to be able to meet with appropriate White House staff after you all have time to get settled in.

Meanwhile, please call on us if there is any way we can be of service.

Sincerely,

Justin Dart
Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Dart", is written over the printed name.



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January 15, 1993

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

Dear President Clinton:

On behalf of 43 million citizens with disabilities I thank you for your strong message of support for the Americans with Disabilities Act to our December 2nd ADA Summit in Washington. As you see by the enclosed report, the Summit resulted in an historic agreement among leaders of business, labor, government and the disability community to cooperate for full and harmonious implementation of the ADA. Your message, and the personal leadership of Senator Tom Harkin and your able Transition Team Disability Constituency Leader Bob Simpson, were the motivating components of this landmark consensus.

People with disabilities still have a long way to go to full inclusion in the American dream. But with your support of the ADA Summit, we are off to a good start with the Clinton Administration.

We are sending the enclosed Summit report to 8,000 leaders of the disability community. So far it has been received with unanimous applause.

As a citizen with a disability, and a long time disability rights advocate, I fully support your progressive disability policy, and look forward to cooperating in every way possible.

Sincerely,

Justin Dart

A handwritten signature of Justin Dart, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by 'h', 'D', and 'n'.



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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.

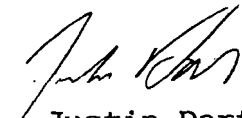
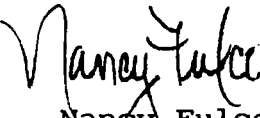
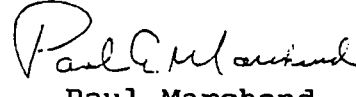
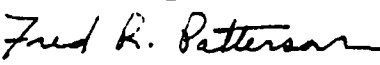
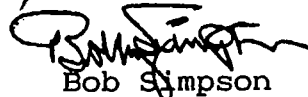
1. President-elect Clinton, in a written statement to the Summit, reaffirmed his strong commitment to "full implementation and enforcement of the ADA." This commitment was underlined and clarified by the personal participation in the Summit of Clinton colleague Senator Tom Harkin, Transition Team disability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

Sincerely,

			
Tony Coelho	Justin Dart	Nancy Fulco	Paul Marchand
			
Fred Patterson	Bob Simpson	Richard Womack	Pat Wright

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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