

August 21, 2008

Senator _____
XXX _____
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: The ADA Amendments Act of 2008

Dear Senator _____,

The undersigned groups, representing a broad range of interests, write in support of the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (S.3406). This bill introduced on July 31, 2008, had 64 cosponsors as of August 1, with 55 of those joining as original cosponsors.

S.3406, the ADA Amendments Act, would revise the ADA, in a manner designed to work for both people with disabilities and for entities governed under the law. The bill is a result of sustained efforts between Senators from both sides of the aisle and intensive and thoughtful talks between representatives of the disability community and entities governed by the law. For that reason, we believe that S.3406 strikes a delicate balance between the needs of individuals with disabilities and the realities experienced by entities including employers and public accommodations, which are covered under the law.

We urge your support in making enactment of S.3406, the ADA Amendments Act, a reality as soon as Congress returns to work in September. We stand ready to work with you towards that end.

Sincerely,

ABC Business Services, Illinois
Abilities in Motion, Pennsylvania
ADA Watch/National Coalition for
Disability Rights
ADA Help, Inc., Florida
Air Force Association
Air Force Sergeants Association
Air Force Women Officers Associated
Alliance of Disability Advocates Center
for Independent Living, North Carolina
Alpha-1 Association
Alpha-1 Foundation
ALS Association
Alzheimer's Association
American Association for Affirmative
Action
American Association for Respiratory
Care

American Academy of Nursing
American Association of Diabetes
Educators
American Association of People with
Disabilities (AAPD)
American Association of University
Women
American Autoimmune Related
Diseases Association
American Bakers Association
American Cancer Society Cancer Action
Network
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
American Council of the Blind
American Diabetes Association
American Federation of Government
Employees – Veterans Council

American Federation of Labor-Congress
of Industrial Unions (AFL-CIO)
American Federation of State, County &
Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
American Foundation for the Blind
American Foundry Society
American Jewish Committee
American Kidney Fund
American Liver Foundation
American Lung Association
American Medical Rehabilitation
Providers Association
American Mental Health Counselors
Association
American Physical Therapy Association
American Psychological Association
American Society of Employers
AMVETS
Anixter Center, Illinois
Anti-Defamation League
APEERS (Alternative Peer
Edu/Enrichment Recovery Society),
West Virginia
APSE: The Network on Employment
Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee
The Arc of Tucson, Arizona
The Arc of the United States
The Arc of Utah
Arthritis Foundation
ARISE, New York
Asian American Justice Center
Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.
Association of Jewish Family &
Children's Agencies
Association of Programs for Rural
Independent Living (APRIL)
Association of University Centers on
Disabilities (AUCD)
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of
America
Autism Society of America
The Autistic Self-Advocacy Network
AZ Bridge to Independent Living
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
BH Electronics, Inc.

Bimba Manufacturing
B'nai B'rith International
Brain Injury Association of America
Breast Cancer Network of Strength
Business and Institutional Furniture
Manufacturers Association
Capital Associated Industries, Inc.
Care4Dystonia, Inc.
Center for Women Policy Studies
Children and Adults with Attention-
Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation
CIGNA Corporation
Coastal Health District, Georgia
Coleman Global Telecommunications,
LLC
Community Action Partnership
Community Health Charities of America
Community Resources for Independent
Living, California
Control Technology, Inc.
COPD Foundation
Council of Parent Attorneys and
Advocates
Council of State Administrators of
Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR)
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of
America
Disabled American Veterans
Disability Policy Consortium, Inc.
Disability Rights Wisconsin (WI P&A)
DTE Energy Company
Easter Seals
Eastman Chemical
Ellwood Group Inc.
Enlisted Association of the National
Guard of the United States
Epilepsy Foundation
Freedom Resource Center for
Independent Living, Minnesota
Freedom Resource Center for
Independent Living, North Dakota
Friends of the National Institute of
Dental and Craniofacial Research
Georgia Voice That Count
Granite State Independent Living

Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind,
Inc.
Hearing Loss Association of America
Hearing Loss Association of America,
Manhattan Chapter
Hearing Loss Association of America,
Mid Hudson Chapter
Hearing Loss Association of America,
North Shore Chapter of Long Island
Hearing Loss Association of America,
Queens at Lexington
Hearing Loss Association of America,
Western New York Chapter
Heat Transfer Equipment Company
Higher Education Consortium for
Special Education
HR Policy Association
Human Rights Campaign
Huntington's Disease Society of
America
Hydrocephalus Association
Idaho State Independent Living Council
Illinois Manufacturers' Association
International Association of Official
Human Rights Agencies
International Franchise Association
International Paper Company
Japanese American Citizens League
Jewish Council for Public Affairs
J.T. Fennell Co.
Koller-Craft Plastic Products
Lakeside Equipment Corporation
The LAM Foundation
Lambda Legal
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights
Under Law
Leadership Conference on Civil Rights
(LCCR)
Learning Disabilities Association of
America (LDA)
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Life, Inc., Georgia
Liz Thurber Slipcovers
Lupus Foundation of America
The Management Association of Illinois

Manufacturer & Business Association
(Erie, PA)
March of Dimes
Mental Health America
Michigan Alliance of State Employees
with Disabilities (Michigan ASSED)
Michigan Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans
Michigan Rehabilitation Association
Military Officers Association of
America
Molded Fiber Glass Companies
Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc.
Motorola
Mullinix Packages, Inc.
Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of
America
NAACP Legal Defense & Educational
Fund, Inc.
National Alliance on Mental Illness
(NAMI)
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
(NAACP)
National Association for Black Veterans
National Association for Employment of
People who are Blind (NAEPB)
National Association for Uniformed
Services
National Association of Councils on
Developmental Disabilities
National Association of County
Behavioral Health and Developmental
Disability Directors
National Association of Governors'
Committees on People with Disabilities
(NAGC)
National Association of Human Rights
Workers
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of the Physically
Handicapped (Manistee County Chapter)
National Association of Social Workers
National Association of State Directors
of Special Education

National Association of State Head Injury Administrators
National Association of the Deaf
National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD)
National Congress of Black Women, Inc.
National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare
National Council of Churches in the USA
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of La Raza (NCLR)
National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)
National Down Syndrome Congress
National Down Syndrome Society
National Education Association (NEA)
National Employment Lawyers Association
National Fair Housing Alliance
National Family Caregivers Association
National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA)
The National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias
National Health Council
National Health Law Program
National Industries for the Blind (NIB)
National Kidney Foundation
National Legal Aid and Defender Association
National Marfan Foundation
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National MS Society, Hawaii Chapter
National Organization for Women
National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS)
National Psoriasis Foundation
National Women's Law Center
Naval Reserve Association
NCEP Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program, Nevada
Nevadans for Equal Access, Inc.

New Jersey Protection and Advocacy NISH
Non-Commissioned Officers Association
Northeast Pennsylvania Manufacturers and Employers Association
Northwestern Mutual
Ohio Disability Action Coalition
Oregon Family Support Network
Organization of Chinese Americans
Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation
Our Children Left Behind
The Paget Foundation
Paralyzed Veterans of America
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy
People Escaping Poverty Project, Minnesota
People First of Nevada
Portland General Electric
PPG Industries
Precision Metalforming Association
Prevent Blindness America
Reserve Enlisted Association
RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association
RTC Paratransit Evaluation Services, Nevada
Roaring Spring Blank Book Co.
Ryder System, Inc.
SEIU – Service Employees International Union
Self-Advocacy Association of New York State, Inc.
Services for Independent Living, Missouri
Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF)
Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation
Society for Human Resource Management
Southeast Kansas Independent Living Resource Center, Inc. (SKIL)
Southern Champion Tray LP
Spina Bifida Association
State of Nevada TBI Advisory Council
Stuller, Inc.

The Taylor-Winfield Corporation
Teacher Education Division of the
Council for Exceptional Children
Texas Association of the Deaf
Textile Rental Services Association of
America
Ultra Tech Machinery Inc.
United Cerebral Palsy
United Cerebral Palsy of Central Ohio
United Food and Commercial Workers
International Union
United Methodist Church, General
Board of Church and Society
United Jewish Communities

United Spinal Association
Uniweld Products Inc
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
U.S. Psychiatric Association
Us TOO International
Vanamatic Company
Veterans of Modern Warfare
Vietnam Veterans of America
West Suburban Access News
Association
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce
Women of Reform Judaism
The Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring
World Institute on Disability