



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

January 28, 2010

Re: **Disability Community Implores Congress to Move Forward with Healthcare Reform**

Dear Members of Congress:

The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) strongly urges you and your colleagues to continue working to enact healthcare reform legislation as soon as possible. Millions of Americans, including Americans with disabilities and chronic conditions, are counting on you to press forward with passage of a final bill.

We support passage of meaningful reform NOW, including the option for the House to pass the Senate bill concurrent with a package of amendments improving some of its disability-related and other provisions.

Congress has never been this close to enacting meaningful healthcare reform. It is simply inconceivable that a final bill will not be enacted after the enormous effort that has been expended by you, your staff, Congress and *all* stakeholders, including the disability and chronic illness community.

Again, we thank you for your extraordinary leadership to bring about comprehensive healthcare reform which ensures that individuals with disabilities and chronic conditions have access to high quality, comprehensive, affordable health care. CCD stands ready to continue to help push meaningful healthcare reform over the finish line.

Sincerely,

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
American Association of People with Disabilities
American Association on Health and Disability
American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
American Counseling Association
American Dance Therapy Association
American Foundation for the Blind
American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association
American Music Therapy Association
American Network of Community Options and Resources
American Occupational Therapy Association
Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs
Association of University Centers on Disabilities
Autism Society
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
Brain Injury Association of America
Burton Blatt Institute

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
Corporation for Supportive Housing
Council for Exceptional Children
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
Easter Seals
Epilepsy Foundation
Family Voices
Harris Center for Disability and Health Policy
Helen Keller National Center
Mental Health America
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities
National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors
National Association of School Psychologists
National Association of State Directors of Special Education
National Association of State Head Injury Administrators
National Coalition on Deaf-Blindness
National Coalition to End Homelessness
National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare
National Council on Independent Living
National Disability Institute
National Disability Rights Network
National Down Syndrome Congress
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Respite Coalition
National Spinal Cord Injury Association
Paralyzed Veterans of America
The Arc of the United States
Tourette Syndrome Association
United Cerebral Palsy
United Spinal Association
VetsFirst
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