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Stop the Government Shutdown and Protect People with Disabilities.

Washington, DC October 1, 2013 – The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD), a national coalition of 117 organizations that advocate for and with people with disabilities, calls on Congress to stop the damaging shutdown of the Federal Government immediately.

“People with disabilities disproportionately rely on government services to live, learn, and work in their communities. These services were created by the government because the private market place did not meet the unique needs of people with disabilities. Congress must adopt appropriations legislation now.” said Katy Neas, CCD Chair. However, this legislation must not lock in the harmful low spending levels from the sequester and must not defund or delay the Affordable Care Act. Now is not the time to make it more difficult for people with disabilities to access important services and supports.

The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities is a broad coalition of national organizations working together to advocate for national public policy that ensures the education, self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society

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