



# Commemorating 40 Years Of Disability Advocacy 1973-2013

October 29, 2013

Dear Representative:

On behalf of Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) Fiscal Policy Task Force, we thank you for voting to reopen the federal government and raise the debt ceiling. A functioning, effective federal government is critical to people with disabilities who disproportionately rely on government services to live, learn, and work in their communities.

CCD is a coalition of more than 100 national disability organizations working together to advocate for national public policy that ensures the self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration, and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society.

As costly and harmful as the shutdown was, the critical issues of fiscal year (FY) 2014 funding levels and how to replace sequestration remain unresolved. Sequestration, by design, cuts programs deeply and indiscriminately. Both parties agree it was never meant to happen. Without a comprehensive and balanced solution, sequestration will continue for the next nine years. This comes on top of deep cuts enacted in the Budget Control Act through 2021.

In the coming weeks, CCD urges you to build on the bipartisan support of H.R. 2775 by supporting a responsible FY 2014 budget resolution that replaces sequestration with a balanced approach to deficit reduction.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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