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WITH DISABILITIES**

Disability Community Encouraged by Broad Deal Reached on Discretionary Spending Caps

Washington DC, July 18, 2019 - The Co-Chairs of the Fiscal Policy Task Force of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) are relieved that the Administration and Congressional leaders have been able to agree to topline budget numbers for the next two fiscal years as well as to increase the debt ceiling. CCD is the largest coalition of national organizations working together to advocate for Federal public policy that ensures the self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society.

People with disabilities, their families, advocates, and service providers have been increasingly anxious about the scheduled nearly 10% cut in discretionary programs that include housing, employment, education, transportation and many other disability-related programs. Today's news gives us hope that a deal will be finalized before the start of the fiscal year that is just several weeks away.

As leaders work to identify offsets to cover the costs of this deal, CCD urges that they not consider offsets that come at the expense of other programs that benefit people with disabilities. CCD categorically rejects harmful pay fors that been proposed in the past - particularly reductions in benefits and eligibility for Medicaid or Social Security – that adversely affect the health and wellbeing of people with disabilities.

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