

Commemorating 40 Years Of Disability Advocacy 1973-2013

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President Obama The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC 20500

Hon. Tom Perez Secretary of Labor U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210

Dear President Obama and Secretary Perez:

On behalf of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) Rights Task Force, we write to thank you for including people with disabilities who are paid under special wage certificates under Section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act in the Executive Order raising the minimum wage for employees of federal contractors. CCD is a coalition of national disability-related organizations working together to advocate for national public policy that ensures full equality, self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society.

We greatly appreciate your leadership on this issue. Inclusion of people with disabilities in this Executive Order is an important step that will help ensure that the labor of people with disabilities is equally valued as the labor of others, and help move working people with disabilities out of poverty.

Sincerely,

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