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The Honorable John Boehner  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Dale Kildee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Boehner and Representative Kildee:

On behalf of the undersigned members of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD), we are writing to thank you for your work on the Assistive Technology Act of 2004. This is an important bipartisan effort and we look forward to swift passage.

The undersigned organizations support moving forward towards passage of the compromise bill (H.R. 4278) that we understand will should pass this week.. Although it is not a perfect bill, the compromise that was reached with the House achieves the overall goal of creating a sustainable system of supports to increase access to assistive technology for people with disabilities. We hope we can all work together to make sure that the bill is adequately funded in future appropriations bills so that we can fully realize all of the goals of the bill.

We look forward to working with you as this bill moves forward and is signed into law. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

American Council of the Blind  
American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)  
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
Association of University Centers on Disabilities  
Easter Seals  
National Association of Assistive Technology Programs (ATAP)  
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities  
National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems (NAPAS)  
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