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November 12, 1993

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Enclosure



National Disability Employment Awareness Month, 1993

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The United States has long been a champion of the civil rights of individuals, and it is only natural that we now serve in the forefront of efforts to ensure equal opportunity for persons with disabilities. Inspired by the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26, 1990, other nations have begun to reexamine the challenges faced by their citizens with disabilities. The ADA, which prohibits discrimination in employment, public accommodations, government services, transportation, and communications, provides a practical model for people everywhere to ensure that individuals with disabilities will not be excluded from the social, cultural, and economic mainstream.

Together we have begun shifting disability policy in America from exclusion to inclusion; from dependence to independence; from paternalism to empowerment. And we have made a firm commitment—a national pledge of civil rights for people with disabilities—to enforce the Americans with Disabilities Act. We cannot be satisfied until all citizens with disabilities receive equal treatment under the law, whether in the workplace, in schools, in government, or in the courts. We will not be satisfied as a Nation until we have fully implemented the laws that offer equal opportunity for Americans with disabilities, including the ADA and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

We do not have a single person to waste. Citizens with disabilities want to lead full, independent, and productive lives. They want to work; they want to pay their fair share of taxes; they want to be self-supporting citizens. America must enable the 43 million talented Americans with disabilities to contribute by offering them the individualized training and education we offer everyone else.

Our Nation can ill afford to waste this vast and only partially tapped source of knowledge, skills, and talent. In addition to being costly—over \$300 billion is expended annually at the Federal, State, and local levels to financially support potentially independent individuals—this waste of human ability cannot be reconciled with our tradition of individual dignity, self-reliance, and empowerment. As we work to achieve thorough and harmonious implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we will open the doors of opportunity for millions of people, thereby expanding, not only the ranks of the employed, but also the ranks of consumers. These individuals and their families will thus be able to pursue the real American Dream.

I congratulate the small business and industry leaders, labor leaders, and community leaders from all walks of life who are working together to implement the ADA and the Rehabilitation Act, and I commit the resources and cooperation of the Federal Government toward that effort. Our ongoing progress attests to the fundamental vitality and openness of our free enterprise system and to our abiding commitment to civil rights for all. Every American needs a chance to contribute. Our work is far from finished. America needs the continued leadership of every citizen to fulfill the promise of the Americans with Disabilities Act and related laws.

The Congress, by joint resolution approved August 11, 1945, as amended (36 U.S.C. 155) has called for the designation of October of each year as "National Disability Employment Awareness Month." This month is a special time for all Americans to recognize the tremendous potential of citizens with disabilities and to renew our commitment to full inclusion and equal opportunity for them, as for every citizen.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 1993 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. I call on all Americans to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities that affirm our determination to fulfill both the letter and the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighteenth.

William J. Clinton

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① Budget / Approp > Let people know they will call her
 ② They will go to the...
 DDS - Computer #'s on staff, is OMB saying no?
 SSA staffing / Crossroads
 SS staffing

③ H/R Reform Acute care: Outpat. rehab. → w/ supplemental (cross wait?)
 RTT services: Pres/HRC reinforce these services

④ HUD: Dependent housing probs. → Indis. w/ eligibility
 Person of absolute need in high level position
 So HUD aware of need for independent housing. Ongoing talks w/ Bruce

⑤ ADA - UP report
 What the Proc. - Need a clear signal soon on this, and soon.

⑥ SAFE Act: SAP on this?
 Education, family, disability
 Al How - orig. co-sponsor

⑦ Councils / Committees: @NEON - MR self-advocate
 Parent and/or prof as well
 Reg: Hold Mon: 21 (lunch) or other time in day
 March Seminars

@Pres Comm on MR - that like
 Staff awful - Mary Blumenthal
 Pub members awful
 (Star - where are we on appts?)
 Names on file already

ISSUE PAPER

DISABILITY POLICY AND THE FEDERAL BUDGET PROCESS

Background

During the last dozen years, most federal disability programs have experienced fairly steady growth. For the most part, this has been achieved with the support of the Democrats who controlled both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. The Congress usually ignored or rejected the Reagan/Bush budget requests which offered little promise, even during the free spending Reagan years, of significant expansion for disability programs. Thus the Congress, not the Republican Administrations, must receive what credit there is for maintaining and expanding disability programs.

Upon the arrival of President Clinton, the disability community eagerly awaited his budget requests for FY 1994. Despite the bleak economic outlook and heightened pressure to reduce the federal deficit, disability advocates held out hope that some disability programs, particularly those which address needs reflected in President Clinton's campaign priorities, might receive substantial increases in the President's budget.

These hopes were dashed, however, when the Clinton budget request was released in April. Most disability programs were frozen at their FY '93 levels, a few received cost-of-living increases and a couple (Technology Assistance and Early Intervention) received increases above inflation.

Further exacerbating this problem was the President's economic stimulus proposal which totally ignored disability programs which might have played a role in jobs development and other priority areas. Disappointment by the disability community would have been lessened had all other human services been treated similarly. However, there were some "winners" such as Headstart and Youth Employment in the President's budget requests. While the disability community applauds President Clinton's proposed increases to Headstart and Youth Employment, it is concerned that those programs serving people with disabilities which have similar objectives are not provided with similar resources. Three programs within the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Early Childhood Projects, Part H Early Intervention, and Preschool) serve young children with disabilities. The President's FY 1994 budget froze the Early Childhood Projects and provided a 5.5% increase for Preschool and a 20% increase for Part H. This is compared to a 32% increase for Headstart. Job Training Partnership Act programs are also increased by approximately 30% while the Vocational

Rehabilitation State Grant, the primary source of jobs training for people with disabilities, is increased by only 3%.

Clearly disability programs highly related to President Clinton's priorities of jobs stimulus and early intervention were not provided comparable increases. While an argument can be made that people with disabilities are eligible for Headstart and Job Training Partnership Act programs, the fact remains that these programs are often not prepared to address the unique needs of children and adults with disabilities.

Another potential solution to solve this dilemma seems to be unavailable. That is the Congress making adjustments through the appropriations process. That is not likely this year and in the foreseeable future for several reasons. First, the Congress may have the will but lacks the resources to do so. It is well known that the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education have approximately \$6 billion less available for them to allocate than President Clinton's budget. This significant constraint greatly lessens, if not outright removes, any opportunity to go above the President's budget requests. Second, the Congress is treating the Clinton budget requests with much greater credibility. The closer cooperation between the White House and the Congress has made it more difficult for advocates to secure increased funding.

Although the final tally can't be determined until the Senate completes its FY '94 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations bill in September and the Congress finalizes action on it, it is clear that the Administration's original budget request for a fiscal year will have a much greater bearing on the final appropriations outcome.

Recommendations

Given the enhanced Administration role in the appropriations process, the "rules of the game" have changed. Disability advocates need to work much more cooperatively with the Clinton Administration on fiscal issues. Conversely, the Administration, from the highest levels of the Office of Management and Budget to the departmental budget and policy officials, must reach out to the disability community to become more knowledgeable of the needs, priorities and recommendations of the disability community.

Hopefully, President Clinton can send the right signals to those who develop the budget, urging them to work with the leaders of the disability community. Since the FY 1995 budget process is already well underway, it is vital that action in this regard be taken soon.

NOTE: This paper reflects a comprehensive budget analysis of disability-related programs except for those which are related to AIDS.

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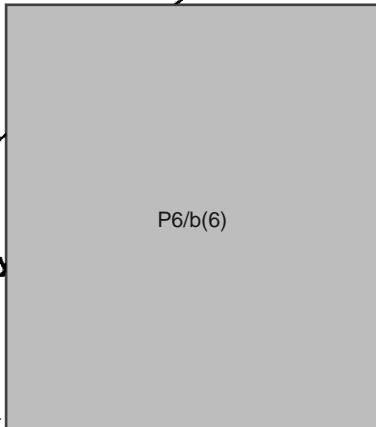
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