## **Cosponsor the Disability Integration Act**

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Request for Cosponsor(s)

Dear Colleague,

I invite you to join me in supporting millions of people with disabilities across the country by becoming a cosponsor of the Disability Integration Act (S. 910/ H.R. 2472). This bipartisan, bicameral legislation – which I introduced in the House in May – secures in Federal law the Constitutional right to liberty for Americans with disabilities by ensuring that they have the choice to receive home and community based services and supports.

Currently, the lack of adequate home and community based services forces people with disabilities into costly and restrictive institutional settings, or to pay high out-of-pocket costs for in-home care. This prevents disabled people from exercising the liberty that non-disabled Americans take for granted. It also causes unnecessary financial and emotional distress for individuals with disabilities and their families, especially when disabled people are forced to rely on their family members for assistance because formal in-home supports and services are not available.

The Disability Integration Act ensures that any individual who is found eligible for institutional placement is also given the option to receive crucial services and supports at home or in the setting of their choosing. States and insurance providers will be required to cover home and community based services so people with disabilities can accomplish their activities of daily living - such as eating, bathing, medication management and housekeeping - outside of an institutional setting.

In addition to allowing disabled people to lead independent lives, these home and community based services will save taxpayer dollars when compared to the cost of institutional settings. Most importantly, these services will ensure that people with disabilities in the U.S. can exercise the liberty that is the birthright of all Americans.

I urge you to become a cosponsor of the Disability Integration Act. For more information or to become a cosponsor the Disability Integration Act, please contact Amy bos at <a href="mailto:Amy.Bos@mail.house.gov">Amy.Bos@mail.house.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. Member of Congress

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