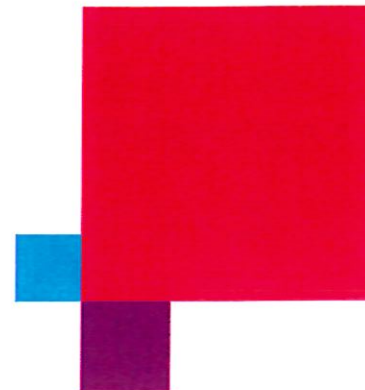


November 20, 2024

The Honorable Juan Ciscomani
U.S. Representative
1429 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510



Dear Representative Ciscomani:

As a central nonprofit agency authorized to facilitate the AbilityOne® Program, SourceAmerica® wants to express our sincere gratitude for everything you do in support of individuals with disabilities including veterans and their families. Approximately 575 nonprofit agencies in the SourceAmerica network train, employ, and place approximately 59,000 people with disabilities, which includes 33,000 AbilityOne employees and more than 2,400 veterans with disabilities. Jobs under the AbilityOne Program offer opportunities for people with disabilities to provide essential services to the federal government, earn competitive wages, and advance in their careers. Many of the measures in H.R. 8371 are needed throughout the SourceAmerica network including:

- Community Care Programs
- Long-Term Care
- Rural Ambulance Costs
- Education Assistance to include dependents and high-tech training.

On behalf of the hundreds of nonprofit agencies that employ tens of thousands of people with disabilities including many veterans, SourceAmerica supports Representative Ciscomani's Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act. This act is an important step to protect and improve support for veterans, their families, caregivers, and supporters.

We look forward to working with you and the 119th Congress in the coming months to identify and share the concerns and successes we see every day with people with disabilities. We want to work with you to preserve the AbilityOne Program for Americans with disabilities for years to come.

If you have any additional questions, please reach out to our Vice President of Government Affairs, Rick Terrazas, at rterrazas@sourceamerica.org.

Sincerely,

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