

April 8, 2025

The Honorable Bill Cassidy
United States Senate
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto
United States Senate
509 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick
United States House of Representatives
271 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Danny Davis
United States House of Representatives
2159 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cassidy, Senator Cortez Masto, and Representatives Fitzpatrick and Davis:

We are writing today to express our support for the SSI Savings Penalty Elimination Act. The bill provides updates to the SSI program that will benefit millions of individuals who experience barriers to employment. The undersigned organizations are the national nonprofit agencies representing the network of hundreds of nonprofit organizations employing people with disabilities in the AbilityOne® Program.

Established in 1938 and administered by the U.S. AbilityOne Commission®, the AbilityOne Program has led the way in employing people with disabilities. The AbilityOne Program leverages the purchasing power of the Federal government, awarding essential product and service contracts to community-based nonprofit agencies that are dedicated to training and employing people with disabilities. Over 400 community-based nonprofits across the country participate in the Program and employ nearly 39,000 employees with disabilities, of whom 7% or 2,500 are veterans.

Millions of disadvantaged individuals who receive financial support through the SSI program face additional hardships due to the program's strict asset limits that have remained untouched, despite inflation and the cost of living increases over the last 40 years since the previous update in 1989. Updating the SSI program's asset limits to \$10,000 for individuals and \$20,000 for married couples will remove the marriage penalty and lift millions out of poverty, setting them on a path to financial security and successful independent living. These program updates, along with indexing the limits to inflation, will empower beneficiaries to better face financial challenges that often hinder their abilities to secure meaningful employment.

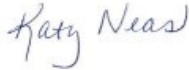
As representatives of the largest disability organizations providing services to people with disabilities, we strongly believe the SSI Savings Penalty Elimination Act would make a significant positive difference in their lives. We also believe that the resulting improvement of financial security among the disadvantaged workforce would also lead to improved employment outcomes as challenges of everyday living become easier to handle due to stronger safety nets.

We appreciate your leadership in addressing these concerns that millions of individuals with disabilities face and your commitment to reintroducing this important legislation in the 119th Congress. We look forward to working with you to ensure these much-needed changes become law.

Sincerely,



Richard Belden
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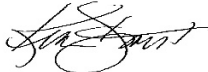
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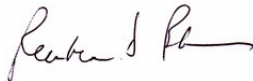
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