



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

The undersigned member organizations of the Consortium for Citizens (CCD) are writing to express our great appreciation to Senator Charles Schumer for introducing the Disability Integration Act (S. 2427), and bringing attention to the fact that states' disability service systems continue to warehouse far too many people with disabilities in institutions. CCD is a coalition of national organizations working together to advocate for federal public policy that ensures the self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration, and inclusion of the approximately 57 million children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society.

We are encouraged by Senator Schumer's leadership and dedication to ensuring that people with disabilities can live full and independent lives in their communities, and believe the Disability Integration Act has great promise to further that goal. The undersigned organizations fully support the Disability Integration Act and its assertion that people with disabilities have a right to live in their own homes and communities and to receive the services and supports they need to do so.

We endorse the bill's goals of ensuring that millions of Americans with disabilities have access to services they need to live in the community and of removing the institutional bias in critical Federal programs. We appreciate Senator Schumer's commitment to this issue and his willingness to lead the way towards a full life in the community for all individuals with disabilities.

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