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FY 2019 House Budget Reprises Assault on Disability Programs

Washington DC, June 20, 2018 - The Co-Chairs of the Fiscal Policy Task Force of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD), a national coalition of more than 100 national disability organizations, strongly oppose House Budget Committee Chairman Steve Womack's 2019 Budget. Like last year's House Budget, this one again would have people with disabilities and other low-income Americans bear the brunt of efforts to addressing our Nation's fiscal challenges.

This Budget seeks to balance in the next decade with proposals that are not at all balanced. The "cuts only" approach would leave intact the tax cuts enacted in December that disproportionately benefit the wealthiest segments of society and large corporations while slashing nearly \$6 trillion from vital programs. A third of this cut would be from health care alone - including cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, and the Affordable Care Act - and would replace them with a plan that the Congressional Budget Office last year estimated would have resulted in 23 million more uninsured Americans by 2026. The non-defense discretionary part of the Budget, which funds education, training, employment, and numerous other programs that make community living possible for people with disabilities, also faces extreme cuts. The Committee on Education and the Workforce alone is instructed to cut a minimum of \$20 billion from programs under its jurisdiction.

"We categorically reject any plan that puts people with disabilities in the cross hairs. While the prospects for the enactment of this Budget appear to be very limited, budgets are important statements about our values and these values should include protecting the health and wellbeing of people with disabilities," said Kim Musheno, Chair of CCD.

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The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities is a broad coalition of national organizations working together to advocate for national public policy that ensures the education, self determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society. For more information visit www.c-c-d.org or contact CCD's Fiscal Policy Task Force Co-Chairs: Annie Acosta, 202-783-2229 or acosta@thearc.org; Lisa Ekman, 202-550-9996 or Lisa.Ekman@nossr.org; Kim Musheno, 301-657-0881 or kmusheno@autism-society.org; Donna Meltzer, 202-506-5813 or dmeltzer@nacdd.org

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