



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

**Statement of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities
Regarding Federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension
May 1, 2014**

The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) applauds the U.S. Senate for approving legislation to extend federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation that does not include policies to eliminate or reduce Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits for individuals who concurrently receive Unemployment Insurance benefits.

“We applaud Majority Leader Harry Reid for his leadership and thank Senators Jack Reed, Dean Heller, Jeff Merkley, Susan Collins, Cory Booker, Rob Portman, Sherrod Brown, Lisa Murkowski, Richard Durbin, and Mark Kirk for their bipartisan work to find a path forward in the Senate to extend Emergency Unemployment Compensation,” said Katy Beh Neas, CCD Chair. “We urge the House of Representatives to renew this much-needed relief for Americans, including people with disabilities, who have found it hardest to recover from the economic downturn – and to do so without harmful pay-fors.”

The CCD is a coalition of more than 100 national disability organizations working together to advocate for national public policy that ensures the self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration, and inclusion of the 57 million children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society.

In January, members of CCD sent letters to the Senate urging extension of emergency Unemployment Insurance benefits and opposing proposals to partially pay for the extension by eliminating or reducing concurrent SSDI benefits. Legislation approved by the Senate in April did not include these harmful cuts to Social Security.

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