



December 17, 2015

The Honorable Robert Casey
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Casey:

We the undersigned members of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Veterans and Military Families and Housing Task Forces are pleased to support the reintroduction of the Veterans Homebuyer Accessibility Act. CCD is a coalition of national disability rights, consumer, advocacy and provider organizations representing this nation's 57 million Americans with disabilities. These two task forces follow issues pertaining to affordable, accessible housing for people with disabilities and to matters affecting veterans and military family members with disabilities.

It is our understanding that your legislation would provide a veteran first time home buyer or a current veteran homeowner with a refundable tax credit of up to \$8000 for specially adaptive housing improvements and allow the veteran, if he or she should choose, to assign the specially adaptive housing credit to another individual making the specially adaptive housing improvements. This latter provision would enable family members to make housing adaptations for an injured son, daughter or other relative. Clearly, this bill would have a significant positive impact on thousands of veterans with disabilities and their families across this nation.

Accessible housing is often the most serious impediment facing individuals with disabilities who want to work and live independently. We appreciate your recognition of this fact and your efforts to address this need with S. 2277.

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