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The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a landmark piece of legislation that expanded civil rights for Americans living with a disability. It was signed into law 29 years ago by President George H. W. Bush and serves as a shining example of bipartisanship, championed by Republicans and Democrats alike. Without this pivotal legislation, the nearly 60 million Americans who live with a disability would be excluded from both public life and the workplace.

A key provision of the ADA is its reasonable accommodation standard. The ADA requires that state and local governments provide reasonable accommodations to a disabled person serving in office as long as it does not create an undue or costly burden. Representative Anderson has requested to use a telephonic system that already exists and for meetings of the legislature to take place during reasonable times. It costs the state nothing and only asks for those in power to be considerate of Representative Anderson's disability.

The ADA is a promise to disabled Americans that their government recognizes their worth, their dignity, and the importance of inclusion. As President Bush signed the ADA, he concluded the event with these moving words: "And now I sign legislation which takes a sledgehammer to another wall, one which has for too many generations separated Americans with disabilities from the freedom they could glimpse, but not grasp. Once again, we rejoice as this barrier falls for claiming together we will not accept, we will not excuse, we will not tolerate discrimination in America... I now lift my pen to sign this Americans with Disabilities Act and say: let the shameful wall of exclusion finally come tumbling down."

We, the undersigned, believe in the spirit of the ADA and agree that the requests made by Representative Anderson are reasonable and should be provided.

Sincerely,

Gordon Hintz
State Representative
54th Assembly District

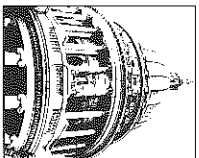
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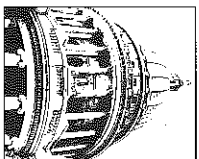
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