



September 15, 2021

Representative Donald McEachin
2233 314 Cannon Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Representative McEachin:

On behalf of the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN), I would like to thank you for introducing the Disabled Access Credit Expansion Act of 2021 (H.R. 4714). This important piece of legislation will double the maximum Disabled Access Credit, which will enable small businesses to expand accessibility to all customers with disabilities.

NDRN is the voluntary membership association for Protection and Advocacy (P&A) agencies. The P&A agencies are a nationwide network of congressionally mandated, cross disability organizations operating in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Territories (American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and the US Virgin Islands). There is also a P&A affiliated with the Native American Consortium which includes the Hopi, Navajo, and San Juan Southern Paiute Nations located in the Four Corners region of the Southwest.

NDRN and the P&A Network works tirelessly to ensure that all people have access to local commerce. However, as you know, access to small businesses continues to be a significant obstacle. We are excited to see legislation that will enable small businesses to accommodate their customers through physical and digital alterations. Americans with disabilities have fought for decades to live independently and integrated into their communities. But, if small businesses are unable to implement accommodations, the ability to integrate into the community is greatly diminished.

NDRN is especially grateful for your foresight around disability rights. As COVID-19 has expedited the transition into the digital age, we recognize that access to online businesses is of heightened importance. Therefore, we commend your inclusion of digital, internet, and telecommunication accommodations. Further, we applaud your decision to implement an inflation adjustment as it addresses the inevitable price increase to make necessary modifications.

Again, NDRN applauds the introduction of this important piece of legislation. We look forward to working with you to enact the bill. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Claire Stanley, Public Policy Analyst, at Claire.Stanley@ndrn.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curtis L. Decker".

Curtis L. Decker
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