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Fight for New Champions on Capitol Hill

Capitol Hill is where we need to be. The election is over. It's time to put our collective voice to work and make ourselves known to the new Congress. New representatives are heading to Washington. New committees are being formed. And new issues are being discussed. Help us educate the new Congress.

We're calling on:

- ✓ Self-advocates;
- ✓ Parents and family members of individuals with disabilities;
- ✓ Board members, staff, trainees, and volunteers of disability organizations;
- ✓ State and local public policy committee members;
- ✓ Public policy staff; and
- ✓ Constituents

to come together to educate, illuminate and cultivate our new champions on Capitol Hill. Plan to attend the 2011 Disability Policy Seminar in February to protect our progress and ensure all of our representatives know what issues are important to us and why.

Attend full-day sessions Monday and Tuesday, February 14 and 15, where you will have the opportunity to hear leading public policy experts, disability advocates and Congressional staff discuss key policies important to the disability community. On Wednesday, February 16, it's an opportunity for you to meet your Congressional delegation and deliver a unified message, in person with 500+ other advocates, to the new Congress that persons with disabilities must have equal opportunity to participate in our economy and society, and receive the necessary services and supports.

There is power in numbers. Join with hundreds of disability advocates from around the country at the 2011 Seminar to discuss a wide range of public policy issues affecting people with disabilities and their families. We expect the following public policy issues* will take center stage:

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| ✓ Fighting the Repeal of Healthcare Reform | ✓ Reauthorizing Elementary and Secondary Education (ESEA) |
| ✓ Preventing the Inappropriate Use of Seclusion and Restraint | ✓ Reauthorizing Combating Autism Act |
| ✓ Understanding the Impact of Proposed Changes in the Federal Budget | ✓ Ensuring Good Implementation of Health Coverage and Long Term Services and Supports |
| ✓ Promoting Full Employment and Housing Opportunities | ✓ Preserving Social Security |

*Check for program updates on the website as the event agenda is confirmed

Join The Arc of the United States, United Cerebral Palsy (UCP), American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD), Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD), National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD), and Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) as part of a grassroots network to advocate for the protection and promotion of national public policies for the full inclusion of people with disabilities in our society.

Mark Your Calendars!

- ✓ **January 11, 2011** - Deadline to reserve a room at the Disability Policy Seminar rate
- ✓ **January 11, 2011** - Early registration deadline (registration fees increase by \$80 after this date)
- ✓ **February 16, 2011** - Date for scheduled visits to Congressional offices.

Five Steps to the Seminar

- 1. SHARE** this information today with your Board, staff, disability community leaders, and colleagues to recruit attendees to attend this year's Seminar. The more advocates who attend, the harder we'll be to ignore.
- 2. PRE-REGISTER** by January 11, 2011. Register online today at www.disabilitypolicyseminar.org or mail or fax to:
Carolina Meeting and Incentive Group
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Pre-Registration Discounts*:
 - ✓ \$295.00 General registration
 - ✓ \$225.00 Self-advocates & full-time students
 - ✓ \$125.00 Personal care attendants (covers food costs)
*After January 11 Registration increases by \$80.00.
- 3. MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS** by January 11, 2011. Make reservations directly with the Grand Hyatt Washington (many arrive Sunday evening, February 13 to be rested and ready for a full day of programming on Monday, February 14). Hotel rooms, particularly the accessible rooms, sell out fast. Book now online or call 1-888-421-1442. Hotel rates start at \$259 per night. This special rate is not available on the hotel's website; ask for the Disability Policy Seminar block. This hotel is a new location for us in downtown D.C. with easy access to Metro Center and convenient to many great restaurants and other amenities.
- 4. MAKE APPOINTMENTS** as soon as possible with your Congressional delegation for Wednesday, February 16, 2011. Call your Representatives' and Senators' Washington offices and ask to speak to the scheduler. You can locate Members' websites and obtain contact information (usually under the "constituent services" section) by entering your zip code at: www.house.gov and selecting your state at: www.senate.gov.
- 5. LOOK FOR INFORMATION** to come after the first of the year as important Senate and House committee assignments are made. You will want to make priority appointments with Senators and Representatives who serve on key committees governing policy important to the disability community.

Starting in Mid-December

Check the Seminar website (www.disabilitypolicyseminar.org) for an updated registrant list from your state. Coordinate your Hill appointments with others attending from your state for the greatest impact and efficiency.

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