

September 23, 1988

TO: Senator Dole
FROM: Stacy Hoffhaus
SUBJECT: Reception by the President's Committee on Employment
of People With Disabilities

You are being honored at a reception hosted by the President's Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities on Monday, September 26. The purpose is to recognize your role in removing work disincentives from the Supplemental Security Income program (your "Employment Opportunities for Disabled Americans Act"; 99th Congress).

The other honorees are Congressman Steve Bartlett and former Congressman James Corman of California. Others attending include Harold Russell and Jay Rochlin from the President's Committee, Madeleine Will from the Dept. of Education, and Paul Hearne, the new director of the National Council on the Handicapped.

The event is from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in S115 in the Capitol. No specific time has been set for the award ceremony. Representative Corman can only attend from 6:00 to 7:00, so if you can be there before 7:00 the awards will be given out once you have arrived.

You only need to make a few brief remarks. Possible talking points are attached. I will be at the reception.

TALKING POINTS
PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON
EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
SEPTEMBER 26, 1988

- o I THANK THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE FOR THIS HONOR, AND I ALSO THANK THE MANY FRIENDS I SEE HERE FOR COMING.

- o INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES HAS BEEN ONE OF MY MAIN GOALS IN POLITICAL LIFE, SO IT MEANS A LOT TO ME TO KNOW MY EFFORTS IN THIS AREA HAVE YOUR SUPPORT.

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- o EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM KNOWS THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM -- TWO-THIRDS OF ALL WORKING-AGED PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ARE NOT EMPLOYED, ALTHOUGH A LARGE MAJORITY OF THEM WANT TO WORK.

- o I BELIEVE WE CAN CHANGE THIS STATISTIC. REMOVING WORK DISINCENTIVES FROM SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAMS WILL HELP. THE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY BILL CONGRESS PASSED THIS SUMMER WILL ALSO HELP.

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- o TOMORROW'S HEARING ON THE AMERICANS WITH
DISABILITIES ACT AND THE OBSERVANCE OF THE
FIRST NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT
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- o I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU TO
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