

United States Senate

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33rd Anniversary Celebration of the Americans with Disabilities Act
Living Independently for Today and Tomorrow
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Dear Friends,

Thank you for the opportunity to share a few words with you all as we celebrate the 33rd anniversary of the world's first comprehensive assertion of equality for people of all abilities. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a monumental civil rights law that affirms all men are created equal in the image of God, regardless of their abilities. I want to say a special thanks to everyone at Living Independently for Today and Tomorrow for sponsoring today's event in celebration and promotion of this historic legislation.

Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness remain inalienable rights for all Americans in small towns, quiet neighborhoods, bustling cities, Indian reservations, farms, ranches and everywhere in between. The right to liberty has not always been granted in its entirety to the millions of Americans living with a disability. That is why the passage of the ADA is invaluable in our pursuit of a more perfect nation.

Today, 61 million Americans experience life with a disability – this equates to one in every four adults in the United States. The Americans with Disabilities Act ensures protections and basic civil rights are guaranteed for every man, woman, boy and girl across the country. May we continue to celebrate and bring awareness to the significance of the ADA and remember that there is dignity and value in every human life. As President George H. W. Bush said as he signed this historic act into law on that July day in 1990, “Let the shameful wall of exclusion finally come tumbling down.”

It is an honor to serve as your United States Senator, and if I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out. May God bless you all.

Sincerely,



Steve Daines
United States Senator