



Help Protect Section 504!

Protecting Disability Rights: An Update on Section 504

Last year, LIFTT joined Disability Rights Montana and more than forty organizations led by and serving people with disabilities in asking the Montana Attorney General to withdraw from a lawsuit challenging Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

Section 504 is one of the nation's most important disability civil rights laws. It protects people with disabilities from discrimination in programs and services that receive federal funding. This includes schools, healthcare systems, transportation programs, and many community services.

For many Americans with disabilities, Section 504 helps ensure equal access to education, healthcare, employment opportunities, and participation in community life. Thanks to the efforts of disability organizations and advocates across the country, the original lawsuit changed course. The attorneys general who filed the lawsuit withdrew their request to have all of Section 504 declared unconstitutional, and several states chose to leave the lawsuit entirely.

However, Montana has remained involved in the case.

Montana's Attorney General has now filed an amended complaint that challenges certain Section 504 regulations, including rules designed to ensure that people with disabilities can live, learn, and participate fully in their communities. The complaint also challenges protections related to the rights of parents with disabilities.

Disability Rights Montana and other disability-led organizations such as LIFTT are once again asking organizations and individuals across the state to speak up in support of disability rights.

If you would like to learn more or add your name to the letter supporting Section 504, please visit:

<https://disabilityrightsmt.org/save-504-again/>

Both organizations and individual Montanans can sign the letter.

Protecting disability rights laws like Section 504 helps ensure that people with disabilities can continue to live, work, and participate fully in their communities.

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