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Senator Moran
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Representative McMorris Rodgers
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Representative Cardenas
2181 Rayburn House Office Building
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Representative Chu
2423 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Senators Casey and Moran, and Representatives McMorris Rodgers, Cardenas, and Chu,

The National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC) writes to thank you for the passage of the ABLE Age Adjustment Act (S. 651/H.R. 1814) which was included in the recently enacted FY 2023 omnibus package. NDSC is the country's oldest national organization for people with Down syndrome, their families, and the professionals who work with them. We provide information, advocacy and support concerning all aspects of life for individuals with Down syndrome, and work to create a national climate in which all people will recognize and embrace the value and dignity of people with Down syndrome.

The bipartisan, bicameral ABLE Age Adjustment Act will allow people who develop their disabilities before age 46 (as opposed to 26 as was previously law) to establish ABLE accounts, allowing them to save for future disability-related expenses without placing needed disability services, health care, and income support at risk. Not only will this greatly expand the number of eligible account holders, but it will also help ensure the ABLE program remains financially viable for current account holders, many of whom have Down syndrome. We applaud your leadership on this critically important piece of legislation which would not have passed without your steadfast commitment. Your support of this bill has expanded financial stability for people with disabilities.

Again, we thank you for your commitment to the ABLE Age Adjustment Act and people with Down syndrome.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jordan Kough".

Jordan Kough
Executive Director
National Down Syndrome Congress

CC: Senator Wyden
Senator Crapo
White House Domestic Policy Council