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Representative (Fill in Name)

My name is Rachel Mast. I am 23 years old, and I live in Olathe, KS. I graduated from Olathe South High School in 2018.

I just celebrated my one-year anniversary at the University of Kansas Hospital. Guess what? I got a raise! I was so excited. I am a patient greeter in patient transport. I am a Patient Greeter. I love it when I take patients to their rooms. I get paid holidays and vacation, too.



The **Congressional Task Force on Down Syndrome (CTFDS)** is a bipartisan, bicameral group dedicated to making certain the needs of the Down syndrome community are a priority. The CTFDS will serve as an informal group of members dedicated to increasing awareness about issues facing people with Down syndrome, their families, and communities. This task force will also work toward a common goal of promoting legislative activities and public policies that will enhance the quality of life for those with Down syndrome. Rep. McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) and Delegate Holmes-Norton (D-DC) are the house chairs and Senators Casey (D-PA) and Moran (R-KS) are the Senate leads. Would you please show your support of me and others with Down syndrome by joining the Task Force?

The **Transformation to Competitive Employment Act (TCIEA) (H.R. 1263)** has been introduced in the House and the Senate. Rep. Cathy McMorris-Rodgers (R-WA) and Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA) are the lead sponsors. Senator Casey (D-PA) and Senator Daines (R-MT) are the lead sponsors in the Senate. It helps people like me have jobs where we get paid like everyone else. It makes me sad that some of my friends do not have jobs in the community. Some of them are not paid fairly. I love my job and making my own money. I am very proud of my job. I save part of my money in my **ABLE Account**. I also use my money to pay for my Jazzercise, Theatre Class, and my Improv Class. I surprised my mom on her birthday this year. I bought her flowers with my own money at the KU Hospital gift shop. It would make my heart happy if all my friends had jobs they love and are paid fairly. Would you be a sponsor please and thank you?

Thank you for supporting me and my friends with Down syndrome and others with different abilities. If you have questions, please let me know.

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My and me with the flowers I bought for her birthday.