

Dear Senator Moran,

I have not seen you in a long time. I hope I can see you soon. I have had both of my COVID shots. Yeah. I am so excited. Thank you for supporting me and others with Down syndrome and other disabilities.

I stayed home from college because of COVID. I am doing something called Project SEARCH. It is an internship program. It is based at the Embassy Suites in Olathe. I learn job skills. I do three different internships. My first one was at Olathe Health. My second one was at Embassy Suites. My last one is at Price Chopper. When I am done, I hope I get a job I love. I would love for you to visit and learn about Project SEARCH.

I am still working as a hostess at the Olive Garden on weekends. I can save my money in my able account. That makes my heart happy. Thank you for the ABLE Act. I am proud to have an ABLE Account. Maybe you and Mrs. Moran can come see me at the Olive Garden?

Thank you for being a lead sponsor on the ABLE Age Adjustment Act. Would you please be a sponsor for the Transformation to Competitive Employment Act? There is not a senate version yet, but there will be soon. Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA) and Rep. Cathy McMorris-Rodgers (R-WA) introduced the bill in the House. It helps people like me have jobs where we get paid like everyone else. It makes me sad that a lot of my friends do not have jobs. I love working with my friends at the Olive Garden, saving my money, and seeing people I know.

I did a podcast the other day and talk about my work on passing the ABLE Act. I told them that you say I am the best lobbyist in Washington DC. That always makes people happy. I also tell them I have a boyfriend, Timothy. He is very nice. I tell them that I am Rachel. I have Down syndrome, but I am not called Down syndrome. I am Rachel, and I really love my life.

Thank you.

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