



WE'RE STILL HERE! ... AND WE VOTE!

There are nearly a million polio survivors in the United States today, and I am one of them. I am one of the 50 million Americans with disabilities.

I am active in my family. I am active in my community. I am a voter.

I am also one of more than 12 million in a worldwide community of polio survivors. Poliomyelitis is viral disease in which nerves that cause movement are attacked, resulting in paralysis of muscles. Survivors are now experiencing the late effects of polio – new weakness, debilitating pain and overwhelming fatigue.

(www.post-polio.org, www.polioplace.org)

Polio survivors are united in our concerns. We care about and call for:

Our Health

Access to affordable preventive care, including for those with pre-existing conditions.

Access to affordable rehabilitative care, including for those with pre-existing conditions.

Access to appropriate and affordable assistive devices, such as wheelchairs, bracing, home portable ventilators.

Our Participation

Removal of architectural barriers in governmental buildings and places of business.

Removal of architectural barriers and certain policies in the travel industry.

Breaking down of attitudinal barriers that hamper our full participation as citizens and employees.

Our Homes

Availability of affordable handicapped-accessible private homes and public housing, eliminating policies that favor institutionalization.

Our Rights

Support for the original intent of the Americans with Disabilities Act. (www.ada.gov)

Ratification of the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and signature on its Optional Protocol. (www.un.org/disabilities/convention/conventionfull.shtml)

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