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TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

House Resolution 34/House Concurrent Resolution 76 – Urging the Ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports the intent of both House Resolution 34 and House Concurrent Resolution 76 - Urging the Ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The purpose of the 2008 United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is to "promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent dignity." This is consistent with the mission and principles of DCAB.

Although the purpose of these resolutions is consistent with DCAB's mission and principles, we suggest the following amendments have the language in these measures more sensitive and respectful towards individuals with disabilities:

- Page 1, lines 18 and 19 replace wording to read "WHEREAS, the community has a responsibility to this targeted segment of the population; and"
- Page 1, line 22, replace the words "...less fortunate" with "individuals with disabilities";
- Page 2, line 31, replace the word "obligation" with "responsibility"; and
- Page 2, line 32, replace the words "overarching motivation behind our work to better their lives" with "guiding principles to improve..."

With these language adjustments, DCAB will fully support these resolutions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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