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Dear Mr. Troy Justesen,

**Access II Independent Living Center strongly opposes the confirmation of Jeffery Sutton to the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit U. S. Court of Appeals.**

Based on past history, Jeffery Sutton favors "states rights" over the civil rights of persons with a disability. This is contrary to everything the Independent Living movement, the Americans with Disability Act, the "Olmstead" decision and other important disability related legislation fought for many years to attain.

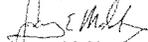
Our organization serves individuals with disabilities in an 8 county 4,400 square mile area in North Western Missouri with a population of 88,221 individuals, with approximately 5,117 citizens with disabilities.

It is our belief that this appointment would have an adverse affect on the lives of many of these individuals whom we serve.

The Presidents Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, The National Organization on Disability Harris Poll, and numerous other national organizations have clearly documented the disparities and civil rights issues that continue to exist for individuals with disabilities despite the ADA, The Rehab Act, IDEA, the Fair Housing Act, and other significant civil rights legislation.

In addition, we urge the appointment of nominees who are supportive of disability and other civil rights.

Sincerely,



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