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Senate Judiciary Committee

Dear members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

Please oppose the appointment of Solicitor Jeffrey Sutton to the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Sutton has a long record of opposing disability rights for people with disabilities. We are especially concerned about future decisions by Judge Sutton if he is confirmed. The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) is one of the most important civil rights laws for people with disabilities. We are concerned that if Judge Sutton is confirmed, ADA could be further narrowed and this important civil rights legislation weakened.

We need the ADA and the recent Olmstead decisions to remain intact. Not so that we can be given things we don't deserve, but so that we can have equal opportunity to live as independently as our abilities allow.

As a professional and an individual with a life-long disability, I urge each of you to vote against the confirmation of Judge Sutton to the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Sincerely,

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