January 28, 2003

The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch
Chairman
State Judiciary Committee
Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 224
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Hatch:

This letter is written concerning the nomination of Jeffrey Sutton for the Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. I strongly urge you to not confirm this appointment.

As a person with a disability, I am very concerned about Mr. Sutton's history opposing the basic civil, human rights of people with disabilities. His views that the ADA does not apply in discrimination in employment or unnecessary institutionalization are clear signals that he sees people with disabilities as second-class citizens not deserving of their constitutional rights.

As a longtime supporter of people with disabilities, I find it hard to believe that you would support this lifetime appointment to someone whose record indicates direct contradiction to your views.

We need your continued support and leadership to assure that American citizens are not denied their basic constitutional rights simply on the basis of a disability. Thank you for your support — Jeffrey Sutton does not deserve your support.

Sincerely,

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