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Senator Orrin Hatch  
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Dear Senator Hatch:

It is safe to say that the disability communities voice is not being heard. Even though the republicans have taken control of Congress, I would hope that the voices of the people should all be heard.

It is my opinion that there would be a great mistake if ADA and Olmstead opponent, Jeffrey Sutton, were to have the judicial nomination to the US Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The disability community has fought hard for the passage of the ADA and individuals' rights to enforce Medicaid benefits. It is a well known fact that Mr. Sutton opposes the Olmstead decision. Since federal judges are appointed for a lifetime and federal judges who might hold the same attitudes as Mr. Sutton are appointed, the disability community could lose the long uphill battle that we have fought for.

I am asking you to contact the people who can stop the weakening of the ADA and adhere to the decision to give every member of society an equal hand up to equality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Watson".

Patricia Watson