THE WHITE HOUSE

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Executive Order 011: Establishment of a Presidential Commission on Disability

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Whereas the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 will enter its third decade of existence next year,

Whereas the ADA has resulted in many accomplishments and advancements for Americans with disabilities, but universal access to all aspects of the social and economic life of the nation has not yet been attained,

Whereas the United States must continue to strive towards achieving full equality of opportunity and access for all Americans who live with disability,

Whereas the ADA can and must be strengthened as it reaches its thirtieth anniversary, in order to continue serving the needs of Americans with disabilities,

Whereas a cross-partisan bill amending the ADA and other disability rights legislation is the best way to ensure that the law continues to meet the needs of all Americans,

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

SECTION 1

There is to be established within the Department of Health and Human Services the Presidential Commission on Disability (Commission).

SECTION 2

(a) The Commission shall advise the President on issues surrounding disability rights, universal accessibility and accommodations for Americans living with disability. To achieve this goal, the Commission shall:
   (i) review the extant laws at the State, Federal and international levels that govern disability and accessibility;
   (ii) examine the needs of Americans with disabilities and how they square with existing regulatory and civil rights enforcement frameworks; and
   (iii) recommend changes to statutory and regulatory structures to better protect the rights of Americans with disabilities and ensure equality.

(b) The Commission shall in lieu of a final report produce a draft bill amending the ADA and any other disability rights legislation as it deems appropriate.

SECTION 3

(a) The Commission shall consist of a number of members of Congress, policy experts and other relevant persons as deemed necessary by its chair for the successful completion of its responsibilities.
(b) The Commission shall be chaired *ex officio* by the Vice President of the United States.
(c) Members shall serve for the life of the Commission, provided that the chair may appoint replacements in case of resignation or removal.
(d) No compensation may be paid to members of the Commission, but travel expenses shall be covered on a per diem basis under 5 U.S. Code § 5701 *et al*.

SECTION 4

(a) The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide all funding and administrative support needed by the Commission to perform its duties, to the extent permitted by law.
(b) This order does not create binding obligations, liabilities or authority on the behalf of the Federal government or any agent thereof.
(c) The Vice President of the United States shall be responsible for exercising any responsibilities of the President for the Committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.
(d) This order shall be implemented in accordance with all applicable Federal law.

SECTION 5

The Commission shall be terminated upon the production of its final report, or 6 months after the date of this order, whichever event occurs earliest.

Signed,



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