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**COMMENTS BY CO-CHAIRS OF THE
CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES (CCD)
REGARDING THE SUMMER LEGAL INTERNS**

“Thank you so much for the services you provided us relating to our ADA Restoration Act project. The work performed was extremely valuable, thorough, and most remarkable for the speed at which you were able to pull together the legislative and cross referencing documents, including the overview of the ADA restoration. You should be commended for the high quality of the legal research and writing, your grasp of the issues, and your willingness to adapt to meet our requirements. I cannot thank you enough for your assistance.” (July 2006)

Sandy Finucane, Co-Chair CCD Rights Task Force and Vice-President, Legal and Government Affairs, Epilepsy Foundation

“Because of you, people with disabilities are now an integral and extremely important part of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. Your creativity, your hard work and your tenacity caused the substance of the last several months’ work of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Emergency Management Task Force to become law. What more could we ask? Thank you.” (July 2006)

Janna Starr, Co-Chair CCD Task Force on Emergency Relief and Disaster Preparedness and Director of Disability Rights, Technology and Family Policy, The Arc and United Cerebral Palsy Disability Policy Collaboration

“I can’t thank you enough for the terrific work on the DOT regulations. We are just finalizing the comments and getting “sign ons” but everyone has commented on what a good document it is—due in no small measure to the fantastic work you did with us. It was a pleasure to work with you.” (July 2006)

Julie Ward, Co-Chair CCD Transportation Task Force and Director of Employment and Transportation Policy, and The Arc and United Cerebral Palsy Disability Policy Collaboration

“We are deeply appreciative of the outstanding contribution you made to CCD in regards to education policy. The research and work products related to the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act as it applies to students with disabilities were exemplary—they were thorough and clearly presented. Your work products will serve as an essential launching pad for the CCD Education Task Force as it begins to address the NCLB reauthorization in the next Congress.” (July 2006)

Paul Marchand, Co-Chair CCD Education Task Force and Staff Director of the Arc and United Cerebral Palsy Disability Policy Collaboration

“Thank you so much for the report on the implementation of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (access to information technology for people with disabilities) by federal agencies. The report is exactly what we needed. It will help us prepare for our upcoming advisory group work. You did a fantastic job filtering everything down to the salient points and I particularly like the questions at the end. You did a great job.” (July 2006)

Jennifer Dexter, Co-Chair CCD Task Force on Technology and Telecommunications and Assistant Vice President, Government Relations Easter Seals

“The dedication and excellence that you and your colleagues brought to your internships was evident throughout the summer. CCD was certainly fortunate to have you here! In particular, I want to thank you for the assistance you provided me in preparing for testimony before the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security regarding oversight of the new disability determination process. You quickly and carefully worked to fact-check the final written testimony and prepare the first draft for the oral statement. I also appreciate your assistance on summarizing the initial steps of the new process for use in preparing advocates to monitor the progress of the new regulatory process.” (July 2006)

Marty Ford, Co-Chair of CCD Social Security Task Force and Director of Legal Advocacy, The Arc and United Cerebral Palsy Disability Policy Collaboration

“I cannot tell you wonderful folks how fabulous it has been to work with you this summer. You each have more talent and wisdom than any one person could; and wherever you go and whatever you decide to do in life, I know you will be incredibly successful. We have been so lucky!!!” (July 2006)

Janna Starr, Co-Chair CCD Rights Task Force and Director of Disability Rights, Technology and Family Policy, The Arc and United Cerebral Palsy Disability Policy Collaboration