

Universal Design Tax Incentive Act

Social Security Claims Processing Improvement Act

“These legislative initiatives represent significant steps towards ensuring accessibility and efficiency in housing and Social Security claims processing,” said **Craig Towler, Community Organizer at the Center for People With Disabilities**. “By addressing these critical issues, we aim to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for people with disabilities within housing access and minimize barriers and disruptions to Social Security. These pieces of legislation are proof that through progressive policy we can incentivize positive change to reach the more equal and equitable future we all deserve.”

“We have heard from our members about the difficulty getting any business done with SSA and this has gotten worse each year for at least a decade. The inability to reach someone and then the inability of someone who is completely overwhelmed to solve disability-specific issues and communicate effectively with people with certain disabilities has devastating consequences for the most vulnerable members of the disability community,” said **Julie Reiskin, Co-Executive Director of the Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition**. “With the significant shortage in housing, we need to make sure people can keep housing when they acquire a temporary or permanent disability. This includes but is not limited to people aging in place. Moreover, with homes and workplaces blending, the need to support the kind of housing everyone can at least enter is more pressing than ever. Universal design is common sense and benefits everyone.”

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