



January 6, 2020

The Honorable Dina Titus
United States Representative
2464 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Titus:

On behalf of the American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR), I am writing to thank you for introducing the Travel and Tourism for All Act (HR 5166). We wish to express our support for this important piece of legislation, which recognizes the need for greater accessibility for people with disabilities in the travel industry. We are grateful for your work calling for greater research and solutions in this area.

ANCOR is a national, nonprofit trade association representing more than 1,600 private community providers of services to people with disabilities. Combined, we support over one million individuals with disabilities, and work to shape policy, share solutions and strengthen the community. Our members and the Direct Support Professional (DSPs) they employ have helped individuals pursue their dreams of visiting other states, national parks and travel to participate in Special Olympics events, so the Travel and Tourism for All Act resonates with us.

There is a clear need for government action in this area. As reported by [Forbes](#), “The accessible travel market is growing by 22 [percent] yearly and Open Doors, a Chicago non-profit estimates that in a two-year span (2014-2016), people with disabilities took 73 million trips for business and pleasure.” Related to this, a [2012 joint report](#) by the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) and the Leadership Conference Education Fund shows how fundamental the need is for transportation, a key component of travel. The report finds that: “Of the nearly 2 million people with disabilities who never leave their homes, 560,000 never leave home because of transportation difficulties.” The report your legislation commissions is an important first step in helping millions be as much a part of the world as their peers without disabilities.

We are grateful for your attention to accessibility issues and look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff on this. Please reach out to me at smeek@ancor.org if you need anything – we are happy to be a resource.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Meek".

Sarah Meek
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