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Section 504 Prompt 1:

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act is a cornerstone of disability rights, ensuring equal access to education, healthcare, employment, and public services. But now, this vital protection is under threat. A lawsuit from multiple states is putting our community at risk of discrimination, fewer job opportunities, and reduced accessibility in schools and healthcare settings.

As members of **Little People of America**, we know firsthand how essential these protections are for our independence and dignity. Without them, barriers will grow, and inclusion will shrink.

This is not about politics—this is about **civil rights**. We must come together to **fight for our access, our equality, and our future**.

Take action today:

- Call your state attorney general: Find My AG
- Spread awareness using #Protect504
- Support disability advocacy organizations

Let's ensure that every person—regardless of height, ability, or circumstance—can **live, learn,** and work without discrimination.

For more details, you can check resources like <u>DREDF</u> and <u>The Century Foundation</u>

Section 504 Prompt 2:

For decades, **Section 504** has ensured that people with disabilities have equal access to **education**, **healthcare**, **and jobs**. But now, with a lawsuit from the attorneys general of 17 states threatening these protections, our community faces the risk of **increased discrimination and fewer opportunities**.

For Little People of America, these protections aren't optional—they are essential for ensuring accessible schools, workplaces, and medical care. Rolling back 504 means more barriers, fewer accommodations, and less independence for our community and millions of others [Insert personal story].

We can't let this happen. Stand with us to protect disability rights!

How You Can Help:

- Call your state attorney general and demand they uphold Section 504
- Support organizations fighting for disability rights

Our voices matter. Together, we can protect our future.

These below letters can be used as a template to read when calling your representatives or mailed to your representatives. Feel free to personalize as you see appropriate

Contacting Your Representatives

Dear Congressmember [Last Name],

My name is [Your Name], and I am writing to express my grave concern about the proposed rollbacks to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. As someone with dwarfism [a child with dwarfism, etc.], I rely on the protections afforded under Section 504 to ensure I am treated with dignity, fairness, and respect in educational, employment, and public settings.

Section 504 has been a cornerstone in preventing discrimination based on disability, ensuring equal access to education, employment opportunities, and public spaces for individuals with disabilities. Any rollback of these protections would have severe, lasting consequences for people like me, particularly for the Little People of America (LPA) community.

Some of the key areas where rollbacks to Section 504 would have a detrimental impact are:

- Access to Education: Section 504 mandates that schools provide reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities, such as assistive devices and accessible learning environments. A rollback would mean that schools may no longer be required to meet these needs, leaving students with disabilities at risk of being excluded or left behind.
- 2. **Employment Equality**: Section 504 ensures that individuals with disabilities have equal access to employment opportunities and are protected from discrimination in the workplace. Any rollback would weaken protections for workers with disabilities, making it more difficult for people to find and retain employment, particularly for those of us with visible disabilities.
- 3. **Public Accessibility**: Section 504 also requires that public entities, including government buildings, transportation, and services, are accessible to individuals with disabilities. Reducing these protections could make it harder for people with disabilities, including those in the Little People of America community, to participate in public life or even access basic services.

I urge you to oppose any efforts to roll back Section 504 protections. It is vital that we continue to build on the progress we've made in ensuring that individuals with disabilities can fully participate in all aspects of life. The rollback of these protections would not only be a step backward in our fight for equality but would directly impact the ability of people with disabilities to live independently and with dignity.

Please stand with us in protecting the civil rights of individuals with disabilities, and ensure that Section 504 remains a strong and effective safeguard against discrimination.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue. I look forward to hearing your stance on this matter and hope you will stand in solidarity with the disability community in opposing these harmful rollbacks.

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