

**Subject: Request to Withdraw from Texas v. Becerra and Uphold Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act**

Dear [Your State Attorney General's Name],

I am writing to you as a constituent of [Your State] to express my deep concern regarding the lawsuit *Texas v. Becerra*, filed in September 2024, which seeks to dismantle Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. I urge you to withdraw [Your State] from this lawsuit and to reaffirm your commitment to protecting the rights of individuals with disabilities.

Section 504 is a crucial piece of legislation that prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance.<sup>1</sup> This includes schools, hospitals, and doctors' offices, ensuring that individuals with disabilities have equal access and opportunities.

**[Choose one or more of the following examples and adapt them to your personal experience:]**

- **Personal Educational Experience:** As a child/young adult, a 504 Plan was instrumental in my educational journey. It provided me with [Specific accommodations, e.g., extra time on tests, assistive technology, preferential seating], which allowed me to fully participate in my education and reach my potential. Without it, I would have faced significant barriers to learning.
- **Child's Educational Experience:** My child relies on a 504 Plan to access a free and appropriate public education. The plan ensures that [Specific accommodations, e.g., specialized instruction, therapy services, modifications to assignments] are provided, enabling them to thrive in the school environment. Removing these protections would severely impact their ability to learn and succeed.

- **Employment Experience:** A reasonable accommodation provided under Section 504 allowed me to [Specific accommodation, e.g., modified work schedule, accessible workstation, assistive software] and maintain successful employment. Without this accommodation, I would have been unable to perform my job duties effectively.
- **Community Integration:** Section 504 ensures that I can live and participate in my community in an integrated setting. It protects my right to [Specific example, e.g., accessible housing, transportation, recreational activities], allowing me to live independently and fully engage with my community.
- **Healthcare Access:** During a recent doctor's appointment, I was provided with a sign language interpreter, thanks to the protections of Section 504. This allowed me to communicate effectively with my doctor and receive necessary medical care. Without this accommodation, I would have been unable to understand my diagnosis and treatment options.

The protections afforded by Section 504 are not privileges; they are fundamental rights. Removing these protections would have devastating consequences for millions of Americans with disabilities, denying them equal access to education, employment, healthcare, and community life.

I implore you to consider the detrimental impact this lawsuit would have on the lives of individuals with disabilities in [Your State]. I urge you to prioritize the rights and well-being of your constituents by withdrawing from *Texas v. Becerra* and upholding the vital protections of Section 504.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address]

[Your Phone Number]

[Your Email Address]