



Bernie Sanders
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Democratic Party
United States Senator from Vermont

Public Overview: Bernie was the first to fill out Respect Ability's #PwDsVote2016 Campaign Scorecard for people with disabilities and has been a consistent frontrunner in disability reform.

Campaign Website Statement:

Bernie Sanders has stated on his campaign site that he will:

- Increase employment and educational opportunities for people with disabilities.
- Fight for U.S. ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). Bernie will continue to fight for equal access and rights for people with disabilities. That is why Bernie strongly supports the ratification of this important treaty.
- Protect and expand the Social Security Disability Insurance Program (SSDI). SSDI is vitally important to more than eleven million people in America, including greater than one million veterans and almost two million children. The average disability benefit is around \$1,200 a month. For many people, that is their entire income.

Quotes: "The Americans with Disabilities Act established a clear national mandate that we as a nation have a moral responsibility to ensure that all Americans have access to the programs and the support needed to contribute to society, live with dignity, and achieve a high quality of life." - *Senator Bernie Sanders*

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