



PARENTS AND CONSUMERS . . . WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Over the past few months a small group of providers, families, caregivers have formed a 501 (c) (4) corporation. The intent of this Corporation is to obtain funding to pay for the costs for advocating and lobbying to protect the 14(c) exception. The name of this corporation is "COALITION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF SECTION 14(C) OF THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT. The creation of this entity will allow us to retain a federal lobbyist group. This along with a powerful public relations and grass roots campaign is essential if we are to succeed in our mission.

As you are aware, our TOP priority is to provide a safe and productive environment for our IDD individuals to work, thrive and continually progress in the areas of self worth and contentment with life.

The addition of a lobbyist group will enhance our ability to educate the various senators and representatives of the merits of our position. Having the ability to have face-to-face meetings to convey the importance of the 14(c) for individuals with an intellectual disability is another vital aspect in obtaining a lobbyist. We view this as essential and necessary in order to retain the status quo for these IDD individuals who value structure so highly in their lives.

Several lobbyist firms were vetted by our group and have selected K&L Gates, a prominent Washington DC firm, and found their qualifications and experience to be exemplary. Based on their services to be provided, a monthly retainer of \$8,500.00 was proposed. After some research we found that this price reflects a deep discount from their usual rates. Another important aspect was that some members of the legal team have a special needs individual to which they are connected, which no doubt provides a cogent reason for the deeply discounted rate.

Here's where we need your help:

1. If you are interested and able to make a donation to this cause, please send a check made out to "Coalition for the Preservation of 14 C, Inc." and mail it to:  
**Amy Patz c/o 911 S. Main Street, Greensburg, PA 15601** (donations are not tax deductible as they will be used for political purposes.). You may contribute as much or as little as you choose. Or donate via PayPal: [paypal.me/preserve14c](https://paypal.me/preserve14c)
2. Invite your local reps to visit your work center. Call, email, write your reps to share your story about your loved one who finds dignity and satisfaction while working at their current job. We need to continue to preserve choice as not one size fits all.

Thank you for considering contributing to this important cause. Your donation and efforts provide an avenue to make a meaningful impact on the political process.

Sincerely,

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