



November 20, 2013

Honorable Glen Thompson
United States House of Representatives
124 Cannon Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Support for H.R. 2123, Special Needs Trust Fairness Act of 2013

Dear Congressman Thompson:

The Rehabilitation and Community Providers Association (RCPA) is a trade association whose members offer mental health, intellectual & developmental disabilities, addictive disease treatment and services, brain injury, medical and vocational rehabilitation, and other related human services. RCPA is among **the largest state health and human services trade groups** in the nation with more than 300 members employing over 150,000 and serving nearly two million Pennsylvanians every year.

I am writing on behalf of RCPA to join in support of H.R. 2123, the Special Needs Trust Fairness Act of 2013, which you introduced to remove barriers that prevent individuals with disabilities from independently creating a special needs trust. RCPA commends your bipartisan effort to ensure that people with disabilities who are working to become independent have the same rights as other Americans and to support their quest for independent living.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue and we look forward to supporting passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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President/CEO