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Dear Mr. Patterson:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 3, 2002, which indicated an interest in testifying before Congress regarding your successful effort to combat discrimination based on "associational disability." I know firsthand that yours was a long and tough fight.

I contacted Mr. Chad Groover on the Judiciary Committee's staff. He indicated that no hearings are currently planned regarding disability discrimination, but that he would retain the correspondence you provided for consideration when future hearings' topics are decided. Mr. Groover has a copy of your latest letter to me.

I was in Washington a couple times this past year and wish I had thought about the opportunity to meet you. As it is, I am planning on retiring within the next couple months, so I doubt that I will return again. Your case will always be special because it was an opportunity to correct what had been a deplorable decision by USDA.

I am happy that things have become more normal in your life. Best wishes for every continued success.

Sincerely,



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