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Senator Carl Levin  
269 Russell Office Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-2202

Senator Debbie Stabenow  
133 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-2202

***Re: Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2009***

Dear Senator Levin and Senator Stabenow:

I am writing to request your support for the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act of 2009, that was recently introduced by Senators Casey, Burr, Kennedy, and Brownback. The purpose of the ABLE Act is to encourage individuals with disabilities and their families to save for disability-related expenses.

The ABLE Act will allow individuals with disabilities and their families to save money and supplement, not replace, benefits provided through both public and private sources. Part of the Act creates "ABLE Accounts" which are savings accounts that will be exempt from federal taxation. ABLE Accounts are essentially trusts that are specifically designated as ABLE Accounts and are exclusively for the purpose of paying certain expenses for the individual with the disability. This tax-exempt tool has the potential of greatly assisting families that are struggling to save money for a family member with a disability.

Please support the ABLE Act; it has the potential to positively benefit the lives of so many individuals with disabilities and their families. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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