



# The Whole Person

People with Disabilities Leading Independent Lives

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U.S. Senator Jerry Moran  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: International Children with Disabilities Protection Act of 2022

Dear Senator Jerry Moran,

We are contacting you regarding the International Children with Disabilities Protection Act of 2022. This Act will establish a grant-making fund within the U.S. Department of State that will support policies for the betterment of people with disabilities and their families worldwide. As a Center for Independent Living (CIL), The Whole Person has a front-row seat to the issues facing people with disabilities, from Kansas to Missouri.

As a member of the U.S. Senate Appropriations Subcommittee for State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, this is a significant moment to support U.S. efforts to address issues facing families who experience disability in communities worldwide. We hope you strongly consider the positive impact that legislation like this Act can have on people around the world – people who look to the U.S. to set the standard on issues of disability. This work is particularly critical for the people of Ukraine, as Ukrainians with disabilities are separated from their families and institutionalized in often unsafe conditions, unable to evacuate.

Please let us know if we can be of assistance in answering questions as you work to address global disability issues in general. We are grateful for your consideration on this matter and for working on behalf of Kansans with disabilities.

Respectfully submitted,

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## MISSION

The Whole Person connects people with disabilities to the resources they need by supporting independent choice and advocating for positive change in the community.

## VISION

The Whole Person envisions a fully accessible community where opportunities and choices are not limited by disability.



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