



February 2, 2022

The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
2307 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Rep. Doggett,

The undersigned cochairs of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) Social Security Task Force are pleased to support the Stop the Wait Act of 2022. This bill will be of tremendous assistance to those found eligible for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Medicare.

The current five-month wait for SSDI is tremendously difficult for many people with disabilities: some face financial peril when their ability to work is limited but their earned benefits have not yet begun. Others die before the five-month waiting period is completed and never receive any funds despite years or decades of FICA contributions. We are glad that your bill would remedy these situations.

The current 29-month wait for Medicare (five months for SSDI, then an additional 24 months) similarly limits the well-being of people with disabilities. Your bill would allow more people to obtain much-needed medical treatment and we enthusiastically support it.

We appreciate the work you have put into developing this legislation and look forward to working with you as it progresses through Congress.

Sincerely,

Stacy Cloyd, National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives
Tracey Gronniger, Justice in Aging
Bethany Lilly, the Arc of the United States
Jeanne Morin, National Association of Disability Representatives