Dear Senator Klobuchar,

A proposal in the U.S. Senate that purports to be of great assistance to people with disabilities would actually harm many individuals and reduce the number of job opportunities available. A great many people with disabilities want to work, as they see their friends and family members seeing that as a part of normal life. S.2001 would do away with the opportunity of companies to pay people with disabilities less than the minimum wage if they could only produce say half of what the typical employee could do. This might benefit a few, but would hurt all those who would not be able to get a job as a result.

Fewer employers would be willing to hire individuals with disabilities if they had to pay the full wage for half the work. Other employees at a company would note the disparities as well and would not welcome the development. I know my (son) (daughter) would not have a job if this bill is enacted. To most with significant disabilities the numbers on the paycheck are not that important, what matters is the ability to be able to go to work and feel that are doing something significant, just as everyone else. Please vote no on S. 2001 if it comes up for a vote this session.

Thank you.

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