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ADAPT Calls on Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump to Advocate for Disabled Women

Hundreds of activists from the disability rights organization ADAPT met in front of Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump's house to deliver a letter inviting Ms. Trump to be the administration's "Ambassador to the Disability Community." Specifically, the activists are asking she begin her ambassadorship by visiting ten model programs for transitioning people with disabilities into the community, convening round-tables in ten states to support the states in developing effective systems for truly integrating people with disabilities, and working with ADAPT to advance the Disability Integration Act.

ADAPT also noted that this ambassadorship will harmonize well with Ms. Trump's work on women's issues as the failure to provide adequate community-based long term services and supports for disabled Americans is an important women's issue. Additionally, low wages for personal attendants, most of whom are women, have meant that women who work full-time as attendants are paid a poverty wage for this invaluable work.

"Ivanka Trump says that she is an advocate for working women," said Stephanie Woodward. "This is her chance to show that she means what she says. We hope she will engage in a thoughtful and positive dialogue, and accept our invitation."

ADAPT's history, the issues we are fighting for and our activities can be followed on our web site at www.adapt.org, our ADAPT Facebook page and on Twitter – look for #ADAPTandRESIST.

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