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WHO: ADAPT
WHAT: Disability Activists Arrested at Trump White House
WHERE: The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC
WHEN: Monday, May 15, 2017

UPDATE: Follow National ADAPT website/social media for updates on arrests

5/15/17 – Washington, D.C. Disability rights activists were arrested today at a protest at the White House. The activists, from the disability rights organization ADAPT, were at the White House to demand that President Trump work to secure the rights of Americans with disabilities.

“We reached out to the President’s transition team with a letter back in November,” said Gregg Beratan “He’s the President and we want him to work with us to secure our rights. Right now, though, he’s acting like any small-time politician. He says he is all about the people until it’s time to actually serve the people. Then he has you arrested.”

ADAPT presented the Trump Administration with a reasonable list of demands, including recognizing that citizens with disabilities have the same constitutional right to liberty as every American, and endorsing the Disability Integration Act, which will make the integration of people with disabilities a reality in America.

Passage of the Disability Integration Act would accomplish a longstanding goal of the Disability Community of overturning the institutional bias in Medicaid and securing community based services and supports. Despite significant advocacy by the Disability Community, no president has yet been able to achieve this goal.

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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