

THE CHAPMAN AMMENDMENT IS OPPOSED BY MEDICAL EXPERTS DR. LOUIS W. SULLIVAN, SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND FORMER SURGEON GENERAL DR. C. EVERETT KOOP, AS WELL AS OVER 300 ORGANIZATIONS AND CORPORATIONS, INCLUDING:

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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS
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AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE
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ASSOCIATION STATE AND TERRITORIAL HEALTH OFFICIALS
ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES
CATHOLIC CHARITIES
CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE OF AMERICA
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DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CORPORATION
DISABILITY RIGHTS EDUCATION AND DEFENSE FUND
EPILEPSY FOUNDATION
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
HOTEL EMPLOYEES AND RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES UNION
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NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON LA RAZA
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SENIOR CITIZENS
NATIONAL EASTER SEAL SOCIETY
NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL HEMOPHILIA FOUNDATION
NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS RESPONDING TO AIDS
PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA
POLAROID CORPORATION
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, U.S.A.
SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION
TEXTRON
THE U.S. CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS
UNITED CEREBRAL PALS' ASSOCIATION
UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Today I call on the House of Representatives to get on with the job of passing a law -- as embodied in the Americans with Disabilities Act -- that prohibits discrimination against those with HIV and AIDS. We're in a fight against a disease -- not a fight against people. And we will not and we must not tolerate discrimination."

**-- President George Bush,
March 29, 1990**

"Any policy based on fears and misconceptions about HIV will only complicate and confuse disease control efforts without adding any protection to the public health. We need to defeat discrimination rather than to submit to it. The administration is strongly committed to ensuring that all Americans with disabilities, including HIV infection, are protected from discrimination, and believes that the Americans with Disabilities Act should furnish that protection."

**-- Louis W. Sullivan, M.D.
Secretary, Department of Health and
Human Services
May 1, 1990**

"The Americans with Disabilities Act is meant to provide people opportunities based on merit and not make decisions based on myths and stereotypes. The Chapman Amendment, which caters to fear and ignorance, does the opposite. It has no place in a bill designed to enhance, rather than inhibit, opportunities for the disabled."

**-- C. Everett Koop, M.D.
Former Surgeon General of the
United States
June 27, 1990**

"Inclusion of [the Chapman] amendment does a tragic disservice to the public by contributing to the misperception of AIDS as a disease that can be spread by casual contact. The Public Health Service and public health departments throughout the country have mounted extensive educational efforts to inform the American public about modes of transmission of HIV disease, and to combat inaccurate perceptions of risks posed by HIV positive persons. The appropriate response to public fear is ongoing education, not legitimizing further discrimination in statute. For these reasons, the Chapman Amendment is not only unnecessary, but counterproductive."

**-- Association of State Territorial Health Officials
June 11, 1990**