

ADAPT Demands Congress to Immediately Pass the *Build Better Act* with FULL funding for Home and Community Based Services and Housing Options

ADAPT has been urging Congress to Act of these critical issues for over 30 years. These programs enable people to live outside institutions and in freedom in their communities. Full Funding means the following:

1. Expansion of HCBS under Medicaid, Medicare, and the Affordable Care Act as a required service in all states (rather than a waiver-based program) to increase access, quality, uniformity nationwide.

2. Increase payment rates in a manner that will guarantee a “living wage” and benefits to attendant care workers employed in home care.

3. Expand affordable, accessible housing development and rent subsidy programs targeting low and moderate income people with disabilities, especially people who receive HCBS services.

4. Expand access to accessible home modifications programs to enable people to leave or avoid institutional settings thus saving millions of health care dollars.

These priorities target people with low incomes and do not create new programs. It is time for Congress to keep its promise to ADAPT and Americans to invest in the long term care infrastructure.

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