

Support The SSI Savings Penalty Elimination Act

Template for calling by phone:

Hello Senator/Assemblymember _____.

My name is _____ and I am your constituent (con-stit-you-ent).

I am calling to share my excitement about the 32nd Anniversary of The Americans with Disabilities Act, also known as The ADA.

The ADA continues to impact my daily life in the following ways: _____

Include personal examples such as:

I can ask for and get reasonable accommodations at work

Curb cuts and tactile pavement help me navigate my community

I use supported employment services to work in the community

On July 26th, 1990, The ADA was signed into law and aimed to end discrimination against people with disabilities.

Current Supplemental Security Income (SSI) rules require that someone receiving SSI can only have \$2,000 in assets. Married couples can only have \$3,000. The SSI Savings Penalty Elimination Act [S.4102] raises the SSI asset limit to \$10,000 for individuals and \$20,000 for couples. The legislation also increases those numbers every year based on inflation.

Unfortunately, SSI limits prevent many people with disabilities from getting married or saving for important life events, like purchasing a home, out of fear of losing critical benefits and supports.

I am calling to ask you to support The SSI Savings Penalty Elimination Act which is a step toward income equality and financial security for people with disabilities nationwide.

Everyone should have the right to marry the person they love without losing access to critical supports.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

