

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1011

August 6, 2026

The Honorable Todd Blanche
Acting Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Acting Attorney General Blanche,

I am deeply concerned about recent U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) efforts to undermine the scope and enforcement of rights for Americans with disabilities. Over 25 years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed the rights of people with disabilities to live and receive care in the community rather than be institutionalized.¹ But on June 18, 2026, the Department's Office of Legal Counsel issued an opinion that undermines this pivotal civil right.² I demand the Department rescind this shameful document.

In the wake of the largest Medicaid cuts in U.S. history under President Trump's so-called "One Big Beautiful Bill," the Department's decision to further weaken federal protections for Americans with disabilities is cruel and unfathomable.³ Several states have already proposed cuts to home-based services, which are essential for people with disabilities to be able to work, live, and thrive in their communities.⁴

In addition to rescinding the Department's opinion, I ask that you answer the following questions by August 13, 2026:

1. What prompted the Department to produce this opinion?
2. What analysis, if any, was conducted to determine the impact of this opinion? Please provide the related documents and supporting analyses.
3. Please identify the number and type of pending reports, open investigations, and ongoing cases,

¹ Myers v. United States, 277 U.S. 438 (1928). <https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/277/438/>

² U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Legal Counsel. (2026, June 18). [Office of Legal Counsel memorandum]. <https://www.justice.gov/olc/media/1446701/dl>

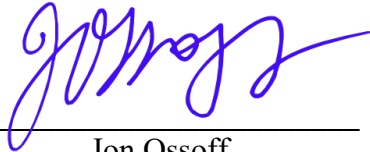
³ Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. (2025, August 27). By the numbers: Harmful Republican megabill will take health coverage away from millions. <https://www.cbpp.org/research/health/by-the-numbers-harmful-republican-megabill-will-take-health-coverage-away-from>

⁴ Cooney, E. (2026, July 13). Family caregivers face financial ruin under Medicaid funding cuts. STAT. <https://www.statnews.com/2026/07/13/family-caregiver-wages-financial-ruin-medicaid-funding-cuts/>

settlements, consent decrees, or agreements the Department of Justice will terminate or which will otherwise impacted by the June 18, 2026 slip opinion.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jon Ossoff', is positioned above a horizontal line.

Jon Ossoff
United States Senator