

In Support of Creating a National Committee on Disability

Action at a national scale is needed from NASW to **advance disability inclusion in the social work profession** due to barriers in **education**, **employment** and **professional associations**.

The Letter of Support illustrates the need for NASW to create a National Committee on Disability to support the equitable participation of disabled social workers in the profession, advocate for disability related issues, advance disability inclusion and promote well-being. **The letter covers topics like:**



IN EDUCATION

- Barriers in internships
 - Lack of disability inclusion in social work programs
 - Lack of universal design principles as a priority in social work programs
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IN EMPLOYMENT

- Barriers in employment
 - Lack of disability & accessibility knowledge in workplaces
 - Social worker burnout
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IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Lack of data
 - Barriers in licensure
 - Lack of representation
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- Examples of existing models in other professional associations and NASW Chapter groups
 - Recommendations for Committee goals and projects
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