



August 8, 2022

The Honorable Bob Casey
U.S. Senate
393 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Steve Daines
U.S. Senate
320 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Casey and Daines:

On behalf of our 38 million members and all older Americans nationwide, AARP is pleased to endorse your bipartisan *Transformation to Competitive Integrated Employment Act*. This legislation would phase out subminimum wages for people with disabilities and allow them to earn fair compensation.

Competitive employment provides dignity and independence and improves workers' long-term financial security. People with disabilities should not be treated differently or be paid less than non-disabled employees. This bill takes an important step in abolishing subminimum wages for people with disabilities by eliminating certificate holders under section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act over five years.

Once again, AARP is pleased to endorse your legislation, and we look forward to working with you and your colleagues to advance this bill. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Holly Biglow on our Government Affairs team at hbiglow@aarp.org or (202) 570-3760.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Bill Sweeney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

Bill Sweeney
Senior Vice President
Government Affairs