

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Steny Hoyer (MD) released the following statement after the President this morning signed S.3406, the ADA Amendments Act:

"The ADA Amendments Act signed today by the President brings millions of our fellow citizens back where they belong: under the protection of the ADA. When President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act 18 years ago, America became the world's leader on a central test of human rights. Sadly, though, over the last 18 years, the courts have chipped away at that promise of inclusion, and at Congress's clear original intent. Today we make clear that discrimination against people with disabilities, including people who are able to mitigate them, is entitled to redress. And we recognize that those 'regarded as' having a disability are equally at risk-and deserve to be equally protected.

"When Congress passed the original ADA and the first President Bush signed it into law, we made a promise of equality to Americans living with disabilities. Today we uphold our commitment to that promise."

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