



Illinois Representative Theresa Mah
24th District, Illinois
2108 W. 35th St.
Chicago, IL 60609

Dear Representative Mah,

We are writing to you from the 2024 Speak Up Speak Out Summit. Speak Up Speak Out is a statewide conference by self-advocates and for self-advocates. Hundreds of people participated each day of the three-day summit. We are allies for people with disabilities. We are 2024 Speak Up Speak Out Participants. We are members of the disability community. We are rockstars with different abilities, and we are people with disabilities who work in the community.

We are writing to you to today because we want to thank you for all your hard work to get the Dignity in Pay Legislation passed in the Illinois House. Dignity in Pay is important to us because we are people too! We should be paid like nondisabled people. We are doing the same job as our co-workers. We have the right to work and to fair wages. Dignity in Pay will allow us to work for competitive wages and to work for the same pay as those without disabilities. And, just like non-disabled workers, we are voters and taxpayers.

Hopefully, some day we can meet with you as a group and hopefully someday you will attend a Speak Up Speak Out Summit.

We appreciate all that you have done for Dignity in Pay.

Sincerely,

Speak Out Participants
Members of the Disability Community
Rockstars with Different Abilities
People with Disabilities Who Work in the Community