



ACTION ALERT

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A non-profit tax-exempt organization representing New York City's community-based mental health sector.

FAIR HOUSING UNDER ATTACK IN WASHINGTON!

- “The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1998” (H.R. 3206), recently introduced, is an assault on the protections enshrined in the Fair Housing Act. If enacted, it would repeal important civil rights protections for people with disabilities and subject them to renewed zoning discrimination.
- It would relegate many individuals with mental illness to state hospitals and other inappropriate settings. H.R.3206 would permit local governments to completely zone out group homes and other community living arrangements for people with disabilities.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Immediately call the New York House members on the Judiciary Committee.

Rep. Charles E. Schumer (D-NY) 2211 Rayburn House Office: Phone (202)225-6616; FAX (202) 225-4183

Rep. Jerrold R. Nadler (D-NY) 2248 Rayburn House Office: Phone: (202) 225-5635; FAX (202) 225-6923

The bill is on a fast track. Tell Washington you oppose this harmful legislation.

- **The repeal of protections for disabled people is a flawed approach.**
- **This bill would seriously impact the mentally ill by barring them from housing.**

Or, you can e-mail a message opposing the bill, go to the Internet site

<http://www.congress.org/elecmail.html>, and select the name of the member you wish to contact.

Transitional Funding Bill Introduced in Assembly!

Assemblyman Richard N. Gottfried, Chair of the Assembly Health Committee is sponsoring a bill A.9306, which would provide supplemental payments to community health centers, community mental health agencies, substance abuse facilities, prenatal care providers, family planning clinics and homeless health care programs as they transition into a managed care environment.

Please write to Assemblyman Gottfried and other Assembly Health Committee members in support of this bill. We have attached a copy of the correspondence sent out by The Coalition in support of the bill.