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[INSERT DATE]

[INSERT NAME/ADDRESS]

Dear [INSERT NAME/TITLE]:

[INSERT RELEVANT PERSONAL INFORMATION – e.g., amputation status, how long you have used a prosthesis, etc. – keep it brief: no more than 1-2 sentences]

I am writing to ask you to reject any efforts to weaken the Americans with Disabilities Act in the wake of the House of Representatives passing H.R. 620, a bill that for the first time attempts to codify the principle that some Americans’ civil rights come with a waiting period. H.R. 620 would require disabled Americans to provide written notice to businesses that are non-compliant with Title III of the ADA and then wait for months before being able to avail themselves of the remedies currently available to them under the ADA.

While I recognize that H.R. 620 is trying to solve a legitimate issue – “drive-by” lawsuits filed by unscrupulous lawyers – that problem results not from the ADA, but from separate *state laws* that permit the recovery of monetary damages for certain ADA violations. Regardless, the civil rights of disabled Americans like me should not be compromised when other solutions exist to solve that problem.

The ADA ensures that individuals with disabilities can gain equal access to public accommodations and commercial facilities. I ask you to oppose legislation like H.R. 620 or any equivalent Senate bill that would water down its protections and, with it, the civil rights of disabled Americans like me.

 Very truly yours,

 [INSERT NAME]