The Senate Health Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee is conducting a study about disability and poverty.  We are looking for 40-50 people to answer a few questions. We will then identify a smaller group for more in-depth interviews.  Our goal is to explore why it is difficult to move out of poverty if one has a disability.  We will keep this information anonymous unless you give us permission to share your name. Please return your completed questionnaire to Michael Gamel-McCormick by Friday, July 25, 2014. In your email, please mention which organization (if any) referred you to complete this questionnaire. If you have any questions, contact Michael at [Michael\_gamel\_mccormick@help.senate.gov](mailto:Michael_gamel_mccormick@help.senate.gov) or 202-228-3453.

1. Please provide the following information.

Age:

Gender:

Race/Ethnicity:

City and state where you live:

Type of disability (ies):

Marital status:

Number of children:

Educational history:

1. Do you currently receive or have you ever received any of the following (yes/no)?

Medicare: Yes No

Medicaid: Yes No

Supplemental Security Income (SSI): Yes No

Social Security Disability Income (SSDI): Yes No

Unemployment Insurance (UI): Yes No

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamps: Yes No

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF): Yes No

Section 8 housing: Yes No

Pell grants or other student loans: Yes No

1. Do you have a job? If yes, what is your job and how much are you paid? List any other jobs you’ve had in the past and how much you were paid.
2. Describe your experiences in getting and keeping a job. In particular, describe any difficulties you have had getting or keeping a job.
3. Have you been able to save money for the future? How have you been able to do this and what have the challenges been?
4. Tell us about any challenges you have faced related to education, health care, housing, and transportation.
5. Why do you think so many people with disabilities have difficulty transitioning out of poverty? Describe any difficulties you have encountered.
6. Are you willing to identify yourself and participate in a congressional hearing?

Yes No