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**The Honorable Lindsey Graham**
United States Senate
211 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Graham,

My name is [Your Name], and I am a resident of [Your City], South Carolina, writing as a member of our state’s vibrant blind community. I am reaching out to respectfully encourage your support of the Transformation to Competitive Integrated Employment Act (S.533). This crucial piece of legislation would gradually phase out the payment of subminimum wages for workers with disabilities across the country over a five-year period, helping to foster inclusive and equitable employment opportunities for all.

In South Carolina, we have taken significant steps to ensure fair wages for workers with disabilities, exemplified by the successful implementation of state laws that eliminate subminimum wages. This legislation is a point of pride for us, as it reflects our collective belief in equal rights and opportunities for all South Carolinians. Supporting the Transformation to Competitive Integrated Employment Act would extend these values at the federal level, promoting a unified commitment to fair employment practices and enabling South Carolinians to serve as an example for other states.

By co-sponsoring S.533, you would champion the rights of all individuals with disabilities to work in competitive, employment settings, ensuring they are paid a fair wage for their contributions allowing them to more substantially contribute as tax paying citizens.  I hope that South Carolina’s leadership in this area will resonate with you and underscore the importance of displaying South Carolina’s commitment on the national stage.

Should you be willing to co-sponsor this vital legislation, please notify Grace Hart, Disability Policy Aide with the Senate Special Committee on Aging, at 202-224-0185 or via email at grace\_hart@aging.senate.gov.

Thank you for your dedication to the people of South Carolina and for considering this important request. I look forward to seeing the positive change we can create together for individuals with disabilities.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]