



February 14, 2025

The Honorable Alan Wilson
Attorney General of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11549
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: Urgent Request to Withdraw South Carolina from Texas v. Becerra

Dear Attorney General Wilson,

We, the undersigned members and partners of the South Carolina Partnership of Disability Organizations (SCPDO), write to urgently request that South Carolina withdraw from the Texas v. Becerra lawsuit. This case directly threatens the civil rights of people with disabilities by attempting to dismantle Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, a law that has protected millions of Americans for nearly 50 years.

Why This Matters to South Carolina:

- Section 504 ensures equal access to education, healthcare, and public services for people with disabilities. Without it, many South Carolinians could face discrimination with no legal protection.
- This lawsuit does not serve our state's interests. Eliminating Section 504 protections could force schools, hospitals, and service providers into uncertainty, leading to legal challenges, increased costs, and potential federal funding risks.
- Disability rights are not a political issue—they are a human rights issue. South Carolina should be a leader in protecting, not weakening, disability rights.

We respectfully ask that you withdraw South Carolina from this lawsuit to uphold our state's commitment to protecting the rights of people with disabilities. Section 504 has long provided fairness, opportunity, and dignity to individuals who contribute meaningfully to our communities.

We stand ready to discuss this further and urge you to stand on the right side of history by defending disability rights, not dismantling them.

Sincerely,

The South Carolina Partnership of Disability Organizations

(Collectively, we advocate for more than 500,000 people with lifelong disabilities and their families in South Carolina)