

Hello,

I am very interested in serving on the Commission on Disability Issues. I am blind and I have a wonderful guide dog named Dolly. I have a passion for standing up for the rights of all persons with disabilities. I have faced discrimination occasionally by taxi drivers, hotel owners, restaurant owners, our own paratransit contractor, a mammogram tech, and even by some of my own friends and family. I know what it is like to have to fight for my rights regarding equal access for my guide dog, and therefore, myself.

I am a retired preschool teacher, a mother of two, and a resident of Howard County for ten years. I volunteer at the Route One Day Center for homeless individuals. I am also on the New Skier Recruitment Committee for Ski For Light, a non-profit, all volunteer organization which provides cross country ski opportunities for blind and mobility impaired individuals. I enjoy hiking, tandem bicycling, skiing, kayaking, and working out at my gym. I would be honored to serve my community in this capacity. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Karen Wood