



Dear Marschen för tillgänglighet people,

ADAPT and the Free Our People Marchers are extending our support and solidarity for your March for Accessibility! Here in the United States, through our Americans With Disabilities Act and similar laws, we have a right to accessibility; however, we do not have a right to get attendant services in our own homes, and thousands of people are forced to go to nursing homes or other institutions simply because they need these support services and cannot get them at home. Your LSS law gives you something many of us do not yet have: freedom and independence.

Our Free Our people March is to draw attention to the fact that people with disabilities are a part of our community and that we should not have our lives stolen from us just because we need supports. We are marching to call attention to federal legislation, MiCASSA - the Medicaid Community Attendant Services and Supports Act, that would allow people real choices in long-term care. (Mi CASA means my home in Spanish, as you may well already know.)

We salute your march and your struggle for accessibility. Without access you cannot fully be part of your communities, just as we cannot be fully part of our communities without attendant services.

Both marches address barriers to people with disabilities participating and enjoying our societies. Both marches address the power of people when we come together and say we will no long sit quietly by while this injustice goes on!

We are excited and proud to know of our Swedish sisters and brothers marching with us in unity, almost half way around the world, for the betterment of people with disabilities. We wish you tremendous luck and success!

Free Our People for Barrier Free/Accessible World!

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