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CCD and TAC Launch the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Melville Act Appropriations Campaign

Appropriate \$300 million to Implement Section 811 Reforms

Take Action

The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Housing Task Force (CCD) and the Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) are urging disability housing advocates to contact Members of Congress to support \$300 million in funding for the Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities program in the FY 2012 HUD budget. Advocates are urged to send letters ([sample letter](#)) or to contact Members of Congress in the [House of Representatives](#) and [Senate](#) by phone, asking them to contact [HUD Appropriations Subcommittee leaders](#) to support full funding - \$300 million - for important innovations recently authorized by Congress in the Section 811 program.

Background on Innovative and Cost-Effective Section 811 Reforms

The Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2010 authorizes important reforms in HUD's Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities program. The innovations included in the Melville Act received unanimous bi-partisan support from both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. The Section 811 program is now authorized to create thousands of new and highly integrated supportive housing units - including a new option for State Housing Agencies to combine Section 811 Project Rental Assistance (PRA) funding with mainstream housing programs. The new PRA option can create 300%-400% more Section 811 units per year without any increase in FY 2010 Section 811 appropriations levels. For this reason, the Melville Act authorizes Congress to appropriate \$300 million for Section 811 in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

Act Now!

House and Senate Appropriations Committees will soon begin work on their FY 2012 budget proposals. It is critical that members of Congress hear from you as soon as possible! FY 2012 will be the first year that Section 811 funding will be made available to implement the Section 811 reforms included in the Melville Act. It is important to remind all members of Congress that:

- Full funding for the reformed Section 811 program under the Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act will allow the program to produce 3 to 4 times the number of new units with the same amount of funding,
- Supportive housing funding is essential to ensure that thousands of the most vulnerable people with disabilities living in restrictive settings have access to integrated and cost effective permanent supportive housing in the community.

Learn more about the [Section 811 reforms](#) visit TAC's website at www.tacinc.org.

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