

Allies for Independence Statement on the Passage of Bob Dole: In Memoriam

Allies for Independence would like to take a moment to recognize the passing of Senator Bob Dole, who died on December 5, 2021 at the age of 98. Dole, a World War II veteran, was known for his bipartisan work in both the House and Senate. He worked with Democrat George McGovern in the 70's to make food stamps more accessible and reformed the Social Security Program.

Senator Dole helped many throughout his career, and we'd like to thank him for his efforts to pass the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in 1990. The passage of the ADA allowed people with disabilities to live better lives at home and in their communities. The law continues to give individuals with disabilities civil rights that prohibit discrimination against them in all areas of public life.

The work on civil rights for people with disabilities continues today – as both the aging and disability communities advocate and work with Congress to fund home and community based services (HCBS) in the Build Back Better Act (BBBA). We would not be where we are today without the ADA and the work of Senator Dole.