

Dear **Senator/Congressperson:**

I am a polio survivor of the 19**XX** epidemic. I have been working for **XX** years as a **YOUR JOB** but am now unable to work because of Post-Polio Sequelae (PPS).

Many polio survivors are being denied SSDI because SSA personnel do not know there has been a policy in place since 1987 -- the POMS for the "The Late Effects of Poliomyelitis" (24580.01) -- allowing polio survivors to receive disability benefits. SSA adjudicators wrongly use the listing for "Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis" (11.11) to determine eligibility for SSDI for those with Post-Polio Sequelae. Polio survivors are now disabled, not by polio paralysis or "motor disorganization, but most commonly by disabling fatigue due to Post-Polio Sequelae. To insure that SSA personnel no longer inappropriately deny polio survivors, a Social Security Ruling for Post-Polio Sequelae (Social Security Ruling, SSR 03-1p.; Titles II and XVI) was released by Commissioner Barnhart on July 2, 2003 (please see enclosed). **Print and enclose [THIS](#)**

Would you please contact **SSA ADJUDICATOR'S NAME and HEAD OF THE SSA OFFICE at the YOUR TOWN Social Security office, 555-555-5555, at THIS ADDRESS.** Please ask them to consult the Social Security Ruling for Post-Polio Sequelae and make a decision about my disability based on the Ruling, SSA's own procedures and guidelines, and on the actual cause of my not being able to work, **LIST CAUSE(S) HERE.**

Yours truly,