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Lisa Ekman is Director of Government Affairs for the National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives (NOSSCR). She represents the organization to Congress, the administration, and advocacy coalitions in matters of importance to people with disabilities pertaining to the Social Security disability programs. Ms. Ekman advocates for improvements in the Social Security disability programs to ensure that individuals with disabilities that apply for Social Security Disability Insurance and SSI benefits have access to highly qualified representation and receive fair decisions. Prior to her current position, she was the Director of Federal Policy for Health & Disability Advocates

Ms. Ekman started her disability policy career as a Presidential Management Intern at the Social Security Administration where she worked on the development and implementation of the Ticket to Work Program. She later went on to serve as a Policy Analyst for the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel. Ms. Ekman also served as a disability advisor to U.S. Senators Edward M. Kennedy, Tom Harkin, and Jim Jeffords on the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee.

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