



Jill Houghton, USBLN[®] Executive Director to Testify at the US Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee Hearing

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WASHINGTON, DC (November 17, 2011) – **Jill Houghton**, the US Business Leadership Network[®]'s (USBLN[®]) Executive Director has been invited by the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee to testify at a hearing this week entitled, **“The Americans with Disabilities Act and Accessible Transportation: Challenges and Opportunities.”** The USBLN[®] testimony was prepared from the viewpoint and experiences of the corporate members and leadership of the organization.

Transportation is a significant disadvantage for business when recruiting, retaining, or advancing employees with disabilities who do not drive. Although access varies considerably by city, transportation barriers often complicate a company's ability to drive employment initiatives in a broad, multi-site manner.

According to **Jill Houghton**, “This country is experiencing major workplace challenges and our country needs the talents, dedication and creativity that people with disabilities bring to the workplace, marketplace and supply chain. We applaud this Committee's leadership in examining this issue.”

This hearing takes place today, Thursday, November 17, 2011 at the 430 Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C. Witnesses in addition to Jill Houghton include David M. Capozzi, Executive Director, U.S. Access Board, Washington; Marca Bristo, President and CEO, Access Living, Chicago, IL; and Billy W. Altom, Executive Director, Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living, North Little Rock, AR.

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