



## **Mission Statement of PDA Disability Organizing Team**

In our position as members of the Disability organizing team, we affirm our commitment to access and freedom for all people. Disability crosses all borders with many invisible disabilities to those institutionalized and completely dependent. We affirm our commitment to a peaceful world and endeavor to prevent war that disables many long after combat ceases.

Disabilities can be visible or invisible, cutting across all lines of age, race, sexual orientation and gender. We strive for a world where each disabled person reaches full potential and receives the support each needs to live life to the fullest. This will not only benefit the disabled community and our families, but society, one that has been deprived of our ingenuity, resourcefulness, creativity and perseverance under tough conditions, This is truly needed in this country in a world that is changing as it warms. We aspire to have a system of benefits that supports rather than traumatizes.

We, The Disabilities Organizing Caucus of P.D. America; affirm the following four humane, historically established legal precepts put forth by Thomas Jefferson and Franklin D. Roosevelt:

Freedom from Want

Freedom from Fear

Freedom of Expression

Freedom of Worship

FDR himself a survivor of disability, used his experiences at Warm Springs, to inform his work. We, like our Spiritual ancestor, do not welcome the hatred of oligarchs. We seek a place for disability communities to stand strong in accordance with the Economic Bill of Rights providing opportunities for housing, employment and accessibility.