

Introductory Remarks by Jenifer Simpson, M.B.A., Senior Director, Government Affairs, American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD), Washington, DC 20006

Good morning everybody. I'm Jenifer Simpson. SeniorDirector for Government Affairs at the American Association of People with Disabilities, AAPD. We've been honored to partner with the University of Pittsburgh Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Telerehabilitation to work with them. We have a telecommunications and technology policy initiative at AAPD, and it was nice to work with them and develop what we are now looking at today which I believe is one of the first ever dialogues on Telerehabilitation; so we are very excited by today's event. I've been somewhat in charge of logistics for this event so if there is a concern or problem please let me know. I do want to tell you right away just a couple of logistical things. One is bathrooms are out the door to the left and a left. In terms of security, if there is some sort of event in this building it's the same thing. Go left, go left. There is an exit or fire escape doors that way. At lunchtime we will have a boxed lunch in the room next door and you can bring them in and eat it here, or that is my understanding. I'm just trying to think aloud here, I'm sure there is another logistics detail I've forgotten but if I did remind me later. Remind me what I forgot. Once you turn 50 as you know you need a lot of cuing, or even some broadband app to tell you what's going on, maybe remote sensors to tell you what's going on. You just need a lot of stuff to help you. So that's where I'm with it. On behalf of AAPD I welcome you here today. Thank you very much.