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United Cerebral Palsy Statement on the passing of U.S. Sen. John McCain

(Washington, D.C., August 30, 2018) On behalf of United Cerebral Palsy, we wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of U.S. Senator John McCain. His passing marks a profound loss to Arizona, our nation, and the world, as well as to the millions of people who live with disabilities across the country.

Over the course of his long and distinguished career, Senator McCain sponsored or supported a wide range of legislation designed to protect the rights and liberties of Americans, including laws that made it possible for people with disabilities to live full and free lives.

Mr. McCain was an American treasure, whose legacy will shape our great nation for decades to come. Partially disabled by the brutal treatment he received at the hands of his captors as a prisoner of war in the Vietnam War, Senator McCain understood more than most how health care innovations, accessibility and affordability are critical to organizations like United Cerebral Palsy, its partners and the communities we serve nationwide.

Honored as a war hero and renowned for his willingness to go against the grain, often at substantial political risk, Senator McCain will be forever remembered as a champion of democracy, defender of freedom, and a friend to people with disabilities.

United Cerebral Palsy proudly salutes Senator McCain for his unbridled courage, humanity, and his lifelong commitment to serving a cause greater than himself, which included efforts to protect the right of disabled Americans to live their lives without limits. May he rest in peace.

God bless Senator McCain. God bless his family. God bless America.

Sincerely,

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