

Do not pass the anti-state, anti-European and Pro-Russian law!

We, persons with disabilities and their representatives, strongly oppose the bill on the Transparency of the Foreign Influence initiated in the Parliament of Georgia.

The Above mentioned bill, if passed into law, will jeopardize not only the non-governmental organizations, the media and civil society, but the whole population at large including persons with disabilities. It will prevent the critical opinions existing within the disability community from making appearance, as despite the fact that Georgia has ratified the United Nations Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities/UNCRPD, civic and political participation of persons with disabilities and their representatives is not ensured by the state.

The above mentioned disability community is strongly connected to the civil society supported by the international donors. It has been evident that the non-governmental organizations have mostly contributed to the employment of persons with disabilities. They are the main source of information and an Ally of the disability community in advocating for the support services we need. Thanks to the international support, Georgia has ratified the UNCRPD, established the consultative mechanisms for persons with disabilities to contribute to the state decision-making with different public entities, has introduced inclusive education into public school system, created various educational programs for persons with disabilities free of charge.

If the bill on the Transparency of the Foreign Influence is passed into a law, we will be deprived of the vital support services, will be prevented from full and successful integration and political participation in the society, our autonomy and independent living will be stoled and human rights situation worsened. This law will endanger Georgia's European aspirations, which, together with living in a democratic state, have no alternative for persons with disabilities.

You, the Georgian legislators, have the obligation to respect our needs and interests and withhold your support from the above mentioned harmful, Russian bill!

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98. Tamara Mikeladze
99. Tako Bakradze
100. Simoni Petridisi
101. Mzia Pipia
102. Magda Bezhanishvili
103. Platform for New Opportunities
104. Movement Inclusive Society, Georgia
105. Georgian Network of Ex/users and Survivors of Psychiatry

106. Alliance of Women with Disabilities
107. Aures Foundation
108. Batumi Independent Living Center
109. Non-Commercial non-Enterprenurial Legal Entity the Prosperity and Development Center
110. Equal Participation Center
111. The Voice of the Blind
112. Changes for Equal Rights
113. Families Against Discrimination
114. Zugdidi Independent Living Center
115. Disabled women Empowerment Center the Roadmap to Change
116. Sentire
117. Autism Research and Assistance Fund
118. Association Hangi
119. Mental Health Association of Georgia
120. Non-Commercial non-entreprenurial Legal Entity Let us Listen to the World
121. Kedeli Community
122. Union of Parents of Children with Disabilities, Adjara
123. Step Kharagauli
124. Union of Parents of Children with Disabilities Lampari
125. Center of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Alliance
126. Ozurgeti Independent Living Center
127. Association Nabimedivoita Georgia
128. Movement Accessible Environment for Everyone

