

TECHNO RIGHTS FOR PEOPLE WITH COGNITIVE DISABILITIES

- Twenty-eight million U.S. citizens have cognitive disabilities.
- People with cognitive disabilities have the legal right to be included in our democratic society totally. This includes complete access to technology.
- The world has changed. Computing and technologies have altered how people learn, understand and communicate.
- Access to information and technologies is particularly essential for people with cognitive disabilities, so they can engage in education, health promotion, employment, recreation, and civic matters.
- Unfortunately, most people with cognitive disabilities have limited or no access to communication technologies.
- People with cognitive disabilities must have access to devices and software with universal design and are easy to use.
- This technology must be guided by standards and best practices.

- Security and privacy must be assured to protect civil rights and personal dignity.
- We need financial help to make this happen. The payback will be great. It will help create new markets, more employment, as well as help reduce healthcare costs, and lessen dependency on public services.

Therefore, we hereby affirm our commitment to equal rights of people with cognitive disabilities to technology and information access and we call for implementation of these rights with deliberate speed.