

## **National Council on Independent Living**

The National Council on Independent Living is the longest-running national cross-disability, grassroots organization run by and for people with disabilities. Founded in 1982, NCIL represents thousands of organizations and individuals including: individuals with disabilities, Centers for Independent Living (CILs), Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs), and other organizations that advocate for the human and civil rights of people with disabilities throughout the United States.

### NCIL Transportation Subcommittee

To promote and advocate for affordable and accessible transportation for people with disabilities of all ages in rural, urban and suburban areas in the public and private sectors. Support for all modes of transportation so that they are inclusive of the disability community.

Currently have members from Vermont, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Colorado, New York, Ohio

The committee meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of odd numbered months at 11am ET.

### **Transportation**

There must be accessible transportation. Accessible means it must work for people with disabilities. It also must be safe and not cost too much. Transportation must be more than buses. There must be trains and planes that everybody can use. This is important so that people with disabilities can go to work or school and meet with friends just like everyone else.

Here are some very important things for people with disabilities:

- Medicaid transportation pays for transportation for many people with disabilities to get to the doctor. It must be protected, so that states cannot take it away.
- People who use wheelchairs have a very hard time getting on airplanes and trains, it must be made easier and safer for them and people with all disabilities.

- There must be more accessible taxis and services like Uber (when you use your smart phone to get a ride). Everyone must be able to use them.

All these things will make America’s transportation fairer, so people with any disability have the same choices as everyone else.

### Air Transportation

It’s dangerous for people who use wheelchairs to travel by air.

March 24<sup>th</sup> DOT public hearing. Written and verbal comments were submitted by NCIL

The docket for submitting comments for the DOT public meeting on Air Travel for Persons who Use Wheelchairs is open through **April 25**: <https://www.regulations.gov/search?filter=DOT-OST-2022-0014>. You can comment at that Regulations.gov link or continue sending them to [FlyingWithWheelchairs@dot.gov](mailto:FlyingWithWheelchairs@dot.gov)

**H.R.1696** — 117th Congress (2021-2022) **Air Carrier Access Amendments Act of 2021** **Sponsor:** [Rep. Langevin, James R. \[D-RI-2\]](#) (Introduced 03/09/2021) **Cosponsors:** (39) **Committees:** House - Transportation and Infrastructure **Latest Action:** House - 03/10/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation. ([All Actions](#))

**S.642** — 117th Congress (2021-2022) **Air Carrier Access Amendments Act of 2021** **Sponsor:** [Sen. Baldwin, Tammy \[D-WI\]](#) (Introduced 03/09/2021) **Cosponsors:** (8) **Committees:** Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation **Latest Action:** Senate - 03/09/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### Ride Hailing Services

NCIL has filed an amicus brief in the New York suit against Lyft.

### NEMT

#### **NEMT Listening Session 4:**

#### **NEMT Coordination Topics –Brokers, MCO’s Community Transportation and Paratransit Services**

**Date:** April 13, 2022

**Time:** 2:00-3:30 PM EST

In this session, we are seeking your input on broker arrangements as well as usage of community transportation and paratransit services, including topics such as:

- Coverage of transportation to services not provided by Medicaid.

**Register in advance for this webinar:**

[https://cms.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_hEmteVdvSCi7UTr8SvCGWw](https://cms.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_hEmteVdvSCi7UTr8SvCGWw)

## Other items of interest

Convened by Transportation Research Board, the ***TRANSED: Mobility, Accessibility & Demand Response Transportation Conference*** will be held virtually, **September 12-16, 2022**. This conference combines two long standing conferences with similar content: the "*16th International Conference on Mobility and Transport for Older Adults and People with Disabilities (TRANSED)*" and the "*5th International Conference on Demand Responsive Transport (DRT)*". The theme of this combined conference is "***Inclusive Accessible and Sustainable Demand Response Transportation***". The Conference aims to describe current global research, services to improve mobility and accessibility for individuals with disabilities and for older adults, and best practices in providing demand responsive transportation (paratransit).

<https://trb.secure-platform.com/a/page/TRANSED2022>

## Autonomous Vehicles

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