

# Don Berwick

Democrat for Governor

## Disability Rights

**Don Berwick** understands that disability rights are civil rights. Disability rights are human rights. He acknowledges the importance of full inclusion and salutes the rallying cry of the disability rights movement:

**"Nothing About Us Without Us!"**

Dr. Berwick's life has been one of service, including a stint as head of the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS). He supports national disability policy: ***to ensure equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency for individuals with disabilities.***

As Governor, Don would enforce and strengthen Massachusetts laws and regulations to improve the lives of people with disabilities. He understands that *"disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals to participate in or contribute to society."*

Top priorities in a **Berwick** Administration would include:

- Full implementation of Olmstead (the Massachusetts "[Community First](#)" initiative)
- Embrace and expand Medicaid programs and Waivers, including "money follows the person," to improve opportunities for independent living
- Reform our system of care for chronic conditions, long term care, and end of life care
- Expand and strengthen anti-bullying measures
- Embrace full accessibility in all spheres; physical, technological, and social
- Expand housing options and availability for people with disabilities
- Revive the Model Employer initiative
- Establish tax-advantaged disability savings accounts
- End sheltered workshops
- Improve public transportation options and availability
- Transform poverty programs to remove penalties for success for people with disabilities

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