



Reforming the Disability Grids

THE PROBLEMS

DISABILITY ENROLLMENT HAS EXPLODED



Dependency on the disability system has hit record highs in recent years, reaching **13 million enrollees.**



Disability enrollment climbed all but one year from 1982 to 2014—over 30 years of continuous growth—hitting a record high in 2014.

EMPLOYERS ARE DESPERATE FOR WORKERS



There are nearly **7.5 million open jobs** in America today.



The unemployment rate is **near a record low.**

DISABILITY ELIGIBILITY RULES ARE OUTDATED



Disability grid rules **have not been updated in 41 years**—or since Jimmy Carter was president.



The disability system defines advanced age as 55 years old or older, but **the majority of voters see advanced age as 65+ years old.**



Some occupational titles that are used as a proxy for jobs in the economy **have not been updated in nearly 30 years.**



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THE SOLUTION: REFORM THE DISABILITY SYSTEM TO MAKE IT MORE SUSTAINABLE FOR THE TRULY NEEDY



Increase the age factors by five years for individuals coming through the grids or consolidate age groups down to one group, ages 18-64.



Continue updating outdated occupational titles to reflect today's economy, some of which have not been updated since 1991.

IT'S POPULAR

Voters Support Reforming the Disability Grids



ALL VOTERS: ■ SUPPORT ■ OPPOSE ■ UNSURE

A majority of Republicans and Independents support this reform.