



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT:

Shelby Taylor, Digital/Communications Director
Bob Graham Center for Public Service
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
University of Florida
(p) 352-273-1086
(f) 352-846-1576

www.bobgrahamcenter.ufl.edu

Oct. 14, 2015

Graham Center brings Former Senator, Americans With Disabilities Act author to UF

GAINESVILLE, Fla. --- Former U.S. Senator Tom Harkin, one of the main authors of the landmark 1990 Americans With Disabilities Act, will deliver a public address at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 20 at the University of Florida's Grand Ballroom of the Reitz Union. The event is free and open to the public and will be streamed live on the Bob Graham Center website at www.bobgrahamcenter.ufl.edu.

Harkin will reflect on the ADA legislation, now in its 25th year, and how it has fundamentally altered the American landscape for persons with disabilities. The act, signed into law in 1990 by President George H.W. Bush, requires that all buildings and transportation be wheelchair-accessible and that workplace accommodations be provided for those with disabilities. It also prohibits businesses and governments from discriminating against the disabled in job applications and requires closed captioning for television.

This program is part of The Dean of Student's Office Common Reading Program and is being co-sponsored by the Alachua County Medical Society.