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## **Disability Unscripted: 2020 Candidates on Inclusion & Accessibility** **Transcript of Bernie Sanders: Epsom, NH September 3, 2019** <https://drcnh.org/videos/sanders-video-campaign-inclusion-and-accessibility/>

**DRC-NH Staff:** 19% of likely voters are people with disabilities. Can you talk about how you're going to make sure people with disabilities are included in your campaign, and if you're elected, how you'll make sure that their voices are included in your administration?

**Bernie Sanders:** Thank you very much. Your name is?

**Staff:** Stephanie.

**BS:** Stephanie. Stephanie's right, and I apologize. You know, so often, and there are so many issues out there and I don't say enough. Stephanie's right. We got, is it 19% of the American people who deal with disabilities? And that is a huge percentage of our population.

So, what we will do is understand that people with disabilities, like every other person in this country, are entitled to all of the opportunities that this country can provide. And it specifically means that in education, we are going to very, very significantly increase funding of the special education in this country for Title I schools so that schools have the resources that they need. It's one thing to say that all kids can come into a school, it's another thing to say that the schools have the resources to provide teachers that the children with special needs need.

Second of all, we will do our best to make sure that everybody in this country, regardless of disability, has the opportunity to get a good job and not be discriminated against. So, there's a lot to be said, but thank you for raising that issue. And when we talk about creating an America that works for everybody, that is certainly true for people with disabilities.

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