



new people is awkward for anyone, however because of my new people is awkward for anyone, however because  
In case you haven't noticed by now, my speech isn't exactly  
Imagine me trying to carry on a conversation with a stranger  
by the sound of my voice.

When people without physical disabilities first meet, it is almost always When people with  
a decent amount of intelligence. When people first meet me, they assume that a decent amount of intelligence. When  
Since my speech is greatly affected it takes me a bit longer Since my speech is greatly affected it takes me a bit longer  
kind of intelligence! Children come up to me and ask kind of intelligence! Children come  
CP to them and sometimes even their parents. CP to them and sometimes even their parents. Talking over the phone  
with my speech is nearly impossible. I always enjoy telling people about the time with my speech is nearly impossible  
down and when I tried to call the police for assistance, the dispatch thought I was a prank caller.  
That only would frustrate anybody, I deal these kinds of situations on a daily basis That only would

Even though I have a lot of freedom, there are simple tasks Even though I have a lot of freedom, there are simple tasks  
myself. For everything I can do, there is a list myself. For everything I can do, there is a list of things I can  
easy when I can just throw on a tee shirt and a pair of jeans, as you  
Whenever I have to wear a suit or even a coat and tie, Whenever I have to wear a suit or even a coat  
parents were at work I had to ask a friend who works in parents were at work I had  
frustrating, especially any food that has to be cut up or eaten with a spoon is a hassle!

A \$250,000.00 cap on noneconomic damages would take away the A \$250,000.00 cap on noneconomic damages  
person like me, who has suffered permanent disability because of person like me, who  
a life with some amount of independence and a life with some amount of independence and  
\$250,000 cap on pain and suffering \$250,000 cap on pain and suffering damages if applied to my case would not

me for the daily pain and suffering I have already experienced in my life for the daily pain and suffering  
continue to experience into the future.

Everyone without a disability assumes a birthright; I was not as fortunate. I could not  
foresee the problems I have faced nor have any idea the problems I have faced nor had  
not my parents, made the decision that I wanted to sue the doctor. Every penny that I receive  
my lawsuit will go for my care and support over my life time.  
opportunity to make my own decision and feel that every child  
become adults. I appreciated that fact that I had the opportunity to meet  
that children in similar positions as I was in, will have that children in similar positions  
I came here today so that everyone of you would know what malpractice I came here today so that everyone of you  
the damage is permanent. I came here today to ask the damage is permanent. I came here today to ask you not to  
me into second-class citizens by taking away the right to sue. Their rights rest in your hands

Dated: February 11, 2003

By: \_\_\_\_\_

JUSTIN MATTES