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APH Welcomes Congressman and Assistant Secretary of Labor for Disability Employment Policy for Tour

Louisville, KY – (August 8, 2024) – American Printing House for the Blind (APH) recently welcomed Congressman Morgan McGarvey and Assistant Secretary of Labor for Disability Employment Policy, Taryn M. Williams, for a factory floor tour, [Monarch](#) demonstration, and a behind-the-scenes look at APH products and services that help create equity and access in the classroom and workplace for students and adults who are blind or low vision.

“Accessibility in the classroom unlocks the child’s full potential to conquer the world,” said Craig Meador, Ed. D., APH President. “An accessible workplace is not only an issue of equity but is key for employees to fully utilize their skills and talents for the benefit of everyone.”

During their time at APH, Congressman McGarvey and Secretary Williams engaged with enthusiastic employees and staff about the importance of creating products for students in grades K-12 who are blind or low vision, as well as learning about various APH services that equip older individuals who are also blind or low vision with the necessary skills to secure employment and thrive in the workplace.

Unemployment rates for individuals who are blind or low vision are extremely high. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 44 percent of people who are blind or low vision are employed, compared to 79 percent of people without disabilities. Aside from access in the workplace being a barrier, lack of education and understanding from the employer is another obstacle job seekers who are blind or low vision face. Many employers do not understand how simple accommodations such as light boxes, magnifiers, or refreshable braille displays, can assist an individual who is blind or low vision to do a job successfully.

APH’s mission of empowering people who are blind or low vision by providing accessible and innovative products, materials and services for lifelong success rings true inside a classroom and the workplace.

About American Printing House for the Blind

American Printing House for the Blind (APH) is a worldwide leader in designing innovative lifelong learning solutions for children and adults who are blind or low vision. In this fast-changing world, we believe in the power and necessity of learning to open the doors to educational success, satisfying employment, social inclusion, active citizenship, and personal well-being. We level the learning playing field by providing specialized technology, materials, products, and services that are essential for education and life. American Printing House for the Blind is headquartered at 1839 Frankfort Avenue in Louisville, Kentucky. For more information, please visit www.aph.org