



Witnessing democracy

In October, CDPA was invited to act as a witness before the *Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities* (commonly known as HUMA), in its deliberations toward 3rd reading of Bill C-81: An act to ensure a barrier-free Canada. We took this opportunity to reinforce the need for all law and policy in Canada to be subjected to a disability lens – an objective that Minister Qualtrough has repeatedly endorsed. The CDPA's own [*Disability Policy Lens*](#) was presented as a means of ensuring that the implications for people with disabilities are taken into account in every policy in Canada. As a bonus of presenting the *Lens* to a federal government committee, it was translated into French, and we are now proud to be able to offer the *CDPA Disability Policy Lens* in French.