

- ◆ One in eight people who start receiving Social Security retirement benefits each year are coming from the disability rolls.
- ◆ Eight million workers and their dependents are receiving disability benefits.
- ◆ More than half of all disability applications are rejected, yet only a quarter of rejected applicants age thirty-five to sixty-four worked in the two years after their applications were denied.
- ◆ Under the Bush plan, the benefits for disabled workers would drop sharply at age sixty-five and, in many cases, their incomes would fall below the poverty line.

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