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NARRATOR:

Paul Di Donato, President and CEO of the Proteus Fund, shares why they signed the Disability Inclusion Pledge.

PAUL DI DONATO:

Proteus Fund signed this pledge for two main reasons, one, because disability issues and people living with disabilities have been profoundly overlooked by not only mainstream society, but also social justice movements and by philanthropy, and we would like to be a part of the spark that changes that, moving forward and also because Proteus Fund recently restated its mission and its vision. We are an organization dedicated to racial gender and queer justice and inclusive representative democracy. We strongly believe you cannot have any one of those things unless you have all of those things, and the thing that was missing in that commitment was a commitment to disability justice. And so, given the disproportionate impact that disability issues have on people of color and queer people and women, it merges perfectly with our vision and our values, and really for us kind of completes the picture of what we want to be all about and what we want to be working on for the next few decades.

NARRATOR:

To sign the Disability Inclusion Pledge and join Philanthropy's collective journey to disability inclusion, visit disabilityphilanthropy.org/disability-inclusion-pledge.