Pass the “Disability Treaty”!

Urgent: Support CRPD, “Disability Treaty”
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please help ask Senators to support U.S. ratification of the “Disability Treaty”—an important international treaty that upholds the civil rights of 1 billion people with disabilities around the world.

U.S. failure to ratify is slowing down progress toward disability rights in other countries. We need YOUR help in taking action! Your energy and passion could make the difference!


What Can You Do?

- MAKE CALLS! We need everyone to call and email Senators. Ask them to move the CRPD toward U.S. ratification NOW!
- The CRPD Action Center at http://disabilitytreaty.org offers a script for phone calls and a template email for Senators.
- Every call really does matter. Set up phone banks at a local office or classroom. Hold events where everyone calls (or emails) together! Every call is counted even if you have called before.
- Consider meeting with your Senators or their staff—learn how at http://bit.ly/MeetSenators. You can meet Senators’ staff either in their DC offices or in their local home state offices.

Why is this Urgent?

- The U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee passed the CRPD out of committee on July 22nd, 2014. Senator Reid can schedule a vote on the CRPD at any time that the Senate is in session.
- People opposed to international treaties have been pressuring Senators to vote against the CRPD. ALL Senators need to hear from supporters—frequently!
- Take action at http://disabilitytreaty.org/action. Also, sign up for the CRPD Action Alert mailing list!
Use Social Media!

- Tweet, Facebook, or blog messages about the CRPD to your followers! Encourage them to call Senators and take action at http://disabilitytreaty.org! Consider using a picture of yourself holding up your own handmade sign showing a pro-CRPD message.

- Sample messages:
  - Support #CivilRights for people w/disabilities around the world—ask Senators to ratify the #CRPD at www.disabilitytreaty.org!
  - #CRPD helps to eliminate #disability discrimination around the world! Tell your senators at www.disabilitytreaty.org.

- Use this hash tag: #CRPD. Also consider other hashtags relevant to disability, civil rights or human rights.

- Follow and re-tweet these CRPD advocates: @USICD, @AShettle, @DREDF, @RhondaNeuhaus, @AuntPip, @IntlDisability, @AdvocatEquality

- Like these Facebook pages. Visit often and “share” relevant posts on your Facebook timeline.
  - http://facebook.com/USICD
  - http://facebook.com/Students4CRPD
  - http://facebook.com/RatifyCRPD

Facts to Remember

- American laws helped inspire the CRPD.

- More than 150 countries have ratified. The U.S. is behind.

- The U.S. has the oldest civil rights legislation for people with disabilities in the world. Our failure to ratify makes it harder to help other countries with our expertise.


More Things to Know

- People opposed to international treaties have used misinformation and scare tactics to mobilize opponents. These opponents are flooding Senators with phone calls against the CRPD.

- In December 2012, we lost by only 5 votes. We still need to win support from more Senators. YOUR phone calls can make a difference!

- This may be our last chance for a long time. Help us succeed in 2014!

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