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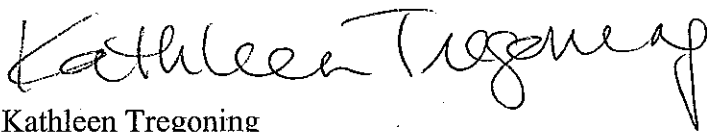
The Honorable Robert Menendez
United States Senate
528 Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Menendez,

Biogen Idec, the world's oldest independent biotechnology company, supports the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and hopes that the Senate will offer its advice and consent to ratification of the treaty. This treaty affirms the equality of all people by helping those with disabilities, including veterans, to have the same access to employment, health care, education, and transportation in other countries as they currently have in the United States.

By ratifying the treaty, the United States and our business community will continue to be the leader in setting the standards for ensuring the human rights of individuals with disabilities. As an international biotechnology company that delivers innovative therapies to patients in 90 countries around the world, promoting and protecting human and workplace rights is inseparable from our business operations. We encourage the international community to protect the rights of the disabled and provide equal opportunity to all individuals by instituting the high standards that have been set in the United States.

Best regards,



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