



August 6, 2014

The Honorable Roy Blunt
United States Senate
260 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Blunt:

As a Missouri-based company and member of the United States Chamber of Commerce ("Chamber"), we ask for your support of the Chamber's position that the Senate ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities ("the treaty").

Centene Corporation provides services to over three million members, many of which are individuals with disabilities nationally that receive Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, and Medicare benefits. Centene is also dedicated to a diverse workforce that includes talented, yet sometimes overlooked and under-utilized, people with disabilities. We work closely with the disabled community in Missouri and around the nation to recruit highly qualified individuals with disabilities to work for Centene. We also work collaboratively with the National Council of Independent Living and other national groups to offer health care benefits that recognize the needs of our disabled beneficiaries.

The Chamber engages in cooperative efforts with the disabled community to advance United States policies that promote equal opportunity in the workforce and in society as a whole for individuals with disabilities. Consistent with these efforts, ratification of the treaty by the United States Senate would provide individuals with disabilities the same protective rights in other countries as they currently have in the United States. Moreover, as the Chamber asserts in its November 19, 2013 letter to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee leadership, ratification would also help U.S. companies competing in an ever-increasing global business community.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Dinesman".

Jonathan Dinesman
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Centene Corporation

Attachment: U.S. Chamber letter to Senate Foreign Relations Committee, November 19, 2013

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THOMAS J. DONOHUE
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1615 H STREET, N.W.
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November 19, 2013

The Honorable Robert Menendez
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bob Corker
Ranking Member
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Menendez and Ranking Member Corker:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business federation representing the interests of more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector and region, supports the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and urges the Senate to offer its advice and consent to ratification of the treaty, subject to the Reservations, Understandings and Declarations (RUDs) submitted by the administration.

The United States is the world leader in developing effective policy to ensure that individuals with disabilities have equal opportunity in the workplace and in society as a whole. The Chamber is proud of the role that it has played in helping to formulate this policy by engaging in cooperative efforts with the disability community. Consistent with these efforts, the Chamber believes that ratification of the Convention will not just lead to greater access and opportunity for individuals with disabilities throughout the world, but will also be beneficial to business.

Indeed, the ratification of the Convention will, among other things, increase international markets for U.S. assistive technology companies, advance equal access opportunities for employees of U.S. companies operating abroad and ease

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international business and leisure travel for individuals with disabilities. Importantly, ratification of the Convention does not require the enactment of any new federal or local laws or regulations, and will not impose any new requirements on American businesses.

For these reasons, the Chamber supports the ratification of the Convention, subject to the RUDs, as a means to promote global acceptance of the rights of individuals with disabilities.

~~Sincerely,~~

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Thomas J. Donohue