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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!**

Need basic information? Check these: <http://bit.ly/CRPD1Pager> and <http://bit.ly/CRPDmyths>.

What Can You Do?

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- **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?

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- 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.
- 850+ U.S. disability, veterans, faith, business, and other organizations support CRPD ratification. Nearly two-thirds of all Americans support the CRPD—including 50 percent of Republicans (<http://bit.ly/DisabilityPoll2014>).

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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