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Members of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators:

OhioHealth is a corporate member of the Ohio Business Leadership Network, an employer-to-employer organization promoting the employment of people with disabilities. OHBLN member companies support the international treaty, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

There are 57.8 million Americans with one or more disabilities, 5.5 million American veterans with disabilities, and one billion people with disabilities around the world. CRPD's ratification is critical to maintaining America's leadership role and eliminating worldwide disability discrimination using the ADA as a model.

The OHBLN is joining the United States Business Leadership Network, Chamber of Commerce, Information Technology Industry Council and hundreds of U.S. organizations in supporting the CRPD's ratification. This action will benefit American business interests abroad by giving the U.S. a role in holding other countries to the ADA's level of accessibility, thereby leveling the playing field for American businesses that compete in international markets.

The OHBLN and its member companies urge the United States Senate to ratify the CRPD treaty in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawna Bosse Davis".

Shawna Bosse Davis  
System VP, Community & Government Relations  
OhioHealth

cc: Christine Moranda, OHBL board member

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