



Veterans Support the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Vote YES for the CRPD in 2013! In a letter of support for the disability treaty, 22 veterans service organizations highlight why the CRPD is important to them:

The CRPD is important to veterans and servicemembers with disabilities because it embodies the principles of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Like the ADA, the CRPD supports equal treatment and non-discrimination in access to rehabilitation, employment and educational opportunities. We support the principles of the ADA because it promotes empowerment of our nation's veterans and servicemembers with disabilities by providing the opportunity to achieve independent living and inclusion into all aspects of society.

As organizations that represent veterans and servicemembers and their families, we believe that the CRPD would remove barriers and allow American servicemembers and veterans with disabilities to work, serve, study, and live abroad. In part, barriers will be diminished due to changing attitudes around the world regarding people with disabilities. As a result of the changes occurring through the CRPD, servicemembers and veterans with disabilities will be able to continue leading active lives within the global community.

VSOs that Support U.S. Ratification of the CRPD:

Air Force Sergeants Association
Air Force Women Officers Associated
American GI Forum
Association of the United States Navy
Blinded Veterans Association
Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America
Jewish War Veterans
Military Officers Association of America
National Association for Black Veterans
National Guard Association of the United States
National Military Family Association
Paralyzed Veterans of America
Student Veterans of America
The American Legion
Veterans for Common Sense
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Veterans of Modern Warfare
VetsFirst, a program of United Spinal Association
Vietnam Veterans of America
Wounded Warrior Project