

Dear honorable Senators in the Senate of  
The United States of America

On behalf of Takafo (Equality) campaign of the rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the CRPD Civil Society Coalition, and more than 80 signatories on the CRPD civil Society Report in Jordan; we are sending you our letter at this historical moment while you are debating the ratification of the CRPD by your considerable Senate. Today, Monday the third of December while we are celebrating the International Day of Persons with Disabilities in Jordan by Launching different campaigns and initiatives aim at promoting the rights of Persons with Disabilities through the CRPD provisions and based on its general principles, we are keenly looking forward to the United States' ratification on this unique human rights treaty which was drafted and obtained by incredible and constant effort by Persons with Disabilities and their representative organizations from all countries including distinguished activists and unique DPOs and NGOs from the United States itself. The United States' ratification on the CRPD will undoubtedly form a historical moment for Persons with Disabilities not only in the United States but also in all countries. The United States carries an ethical, political and professional responsibility towards all countries and individuals who perceive this country as one of the unprecedented models that respects liberty, rule of law and democracy, therefore we are deeply concerned that any Reservation, Understanding or Declaration by the United States on the CRPD might encourage other countries 'in particular non-democratic countries' to misuse this to skip their obligations in the CRPD. The United States has been always of great help and support for developing countries through different governmental and non-governmental projects specifically for the civil society sector in these countries. We, the human rights defenders and the activists, use these different forms of support as successful lobbying tools to urge our governments to implement the CRPD at the national level in order to benefit affectively from the international cooperation programs. Any reservation, understanding or declaration by the United States will absolutely dismiss this tool from our hands and will put us between a rocket and a hard place with our governments.

We highly trust the political wisdom of the United States' Senate, and we are confident that the honorable senators will take these imperative consequences into consideration to come up at the end with clean and full ratification.

Please accept our high considerations.

On behalf of Takafo (Equality) Advocacy campaign on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the CRPD coalition members and the Signatories of the CRPD Civil Society Report;

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