



# United States Business Supports The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

United States businesses support the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) because it will promote global commerce and U.S. business leadership in international markets, advance equal access and opportunity, and ensure greater global community inclusion for people with disabilities. Business groups that have spoken out in favor of ratification include the Chamber of Commerce, the U.S. Business Leadership Network, the Assistive Technology Industry Association of America (ATIA), the Information Technology Industry Council (ITI), along with many individual U.S. businesses large and small. The CRPD is an international treaty that was inspired by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), recognized by Americans and throughout the world as one of the greatest civil rights laws ever passed.

## Why does the business community support the CRPD?

### **The CRPD will promote new markets and global commerce by:**

- Increasing international markets and export opportunities for U.S. assistive technology companies
- Advancing America's global economic interest
- Promoting U.S. standards internationally
- Promoting U.S. public procurement rules (Section 508) among governments overseas
- Exporting American made accessibility products and services
- Supporting U.S. public and private research and development and U.S. academic leadership in global accessibility innovations

### **The CRPD will provide U.S. companies operating abroad with competitive advantages in advancing equal access and opportunities for local employees by:**

- Promoting good practices overseas and adopting the spirit of America's disability rights laws like the ADA
- Increasing international employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for persons with disabilities
- Exercising local leadership in Corporate Social Responsibility and good citizenship
- Promoting international technology accessibility standards and guidelines in the workplace

### **The CRPD will create global community inclusion by:**

- Increasing access to international travel and tourism
- Advancing international community living
- Promoting expert knowledge and technical assistance
- Eliminating myths, stereotypes and fears

