

WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW, MORE THAN EVER.

Two reasons why we need your support for CRPD:

1. The **CRPD** recognizes sign language and deaf culture as human rights, and includes language such as “deaf culture”, “linguistic identity”, and “deaf community.”
2. The United States is currently excluded from the International Committee formed to enforce the requirements of the **CRPD** throughout the world. If the **CRPD** is ratified in the U.S., the U.S. will be able to join the global community in efforts to promote, protect, and ensure full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent dignity.

Read more about the NAD’s support of the CRPD, and why you need to take action TODAY.

There are 3 easy things you can do TODAY to help support the ratification of CRPD.

1. E-mail or call your Senator **RIGHT NOW**. Here’s a sample message you can copy and paste. It’ll take you *two minutes* to send an e-mail to your Senator **right here, right now**.

SAMPLE MESSAGE:

RE: Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Hello, my name is **[INSERT YOUR NAME HERE]**.

I stand with the National Association of the Deaf, among several other organizations and advocates, in my strong support of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. I am writing to you today to urge you to support the ratification of the CRPD. As your constituent, I request that you support the CRPD at the Committee meeting on July 26th, vote in favor of the treaty in Committee, and move it forward to a floor vote in the Senate.

Thank you,

[INSERT YOUR NAME HERE].

Not sure how to contact your Senator? We've included the contact information you need on the back of this announcement!

2. Forward this message to everyone you know **RIGHT NOW**. Tell them to stand with the National Association of the Deaf and to contact their Senators to encourage the ratification of the **CRPD**. Think family members, co-workers, friends- **EVERYONE YOU KNOW**.

3. Near the District, or know someone who lives in the DC area? Sure you do! Tell them to show up at the Committee meeting this Thursday to support **CRPD**. We need your help and we’ll see you there!

Join us today
and tell your
Senator to
support CRPD.

Take action today in
three easy steps:

Contact your
Senator NOW and
encourage him / her
to support the CRPD.

Forward this e-mail
to everyone you
know, right now.

Go to Washington.



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Date & Time:
Thursday, July 26th, 9:30AM

Location:
Dirksen Senate Office Building, G-50

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