



USBLN® Issues Support Letter for Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and Commemorates International Day of Persons with Disabilities

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WASHINGTON, DC (December 3, 2012) – “Removing barriers to create an inclusive and accessible society for all” is the theme for the 2012 United Nations’ International Day of Persons with Disabilities which is annually celebrated today, December 3. In support of opportunities for people with disabilities around the world, the USBLN® has issued a letter in support of the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) which recognizes that the existence of barriers constitutes a central component of disability. Under the Convention, disability is an evolving concept that “results from the interaction between persons with impairments and attitudinal and environmental barriers that hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.”

Read the USBLN® Support Letter for Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD): [[DOC](#) | [PDF](#)]

Observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities provides opportunities for participation by all stakeholders – Governments, the UN system, civil society and organizations of persons with disabilities – to focus on issues related to the removal of barriers to create an inclusive and accessible society that would benefit all.

About the US Business Leadership Network (USBLN®)

The US Business Leadership Network® (USBLN®) is a national non-profit, non-partisan business to business network promoting workplaces, marketplaces, and supply chains where people with disabilities are included. The USBLN® serves as the collective voice of over 50 Business Leadership Network affiliates across the United States, representing over 5,000 businesses. Additionally, the USBLN® Disability Supplier Diversity Program® (DSDP) is the nation’s leading third party certification program for disability-owned businesses, including service-disabled veterans. www.usbln.org

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