

November 1, 2012

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Kerry  
Chairman  
Committee on Foreign Relations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Lugar  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Foreign Relations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Gentlemen:

I am writing on behalf of the member companies of the Information Technology Industry Council, ITI, to express our support for ratification of Treaty Doc. 112-7, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We believe that the Convention could help spur greater global attention on addressing the legitimate needs of people with disabilities and age-related limitations, while also enabling manufacturers and service providers to leverage accessibility investments worldwide. Accordingly, we recommend that the Senate support ratification.

ITI is the premier advocacy and policy organization for the world's leading innovation companies. Our members pioneer cutting-edge products and services that help businesses grow and improve people's daily lives.

The U.S. has been at the forefront in addressing the needs of people with disabilities and age-related limitations through such statutes as the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. ITI's members have long been committed to developing and delivering products and services with accessible features that enable all people to pursue education and training opportunities, compete in the workplace, and improve the quality of their lives.

The Convention reflects these same values. We recommend a vote in favor of Treaty Doc. 112-7.

Sincerely,



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President & CEO