Let your voice be heard by sending a message to members of the Senate, asking them to take concrete action to promote children's rights and welfare and to protect children from abuse and neglect in our country.

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### Email or Sample Letter for Contacting your Senator

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The Honorable (Name of Senator)

United States Senate

Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator (Name):

The 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention of the Rights of the Child (the “CRC”) is fast approaching in November. The United States signed this important human rights treaty protecting children and families almost 20 years ago, after a decade of critical drafting input by the Reagan and George H.W. Bush administrations and years of support from the Clinton Administration.

I am writing to urge you to support ratification of this most universally-ratified human rights treaty in history. To date, 194 countries have adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The United States, along with Somalia and South Sudan, is one of only three states that has not yet ratified the CRC. We thus remain outside the international legal system established to hold nations accountable for their treatment of children and youth, diminishing our global credibility and leadership on issues concerning children.

In 2000, with bipartisan support, the United States ratified two Optional Protocols to the CRC on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution, and Child Pornography, and on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict. Since then, our government has been submitting reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, as it would if it signed the parent treaty, the CRC, with positive results.

The children and youth in the U.S. deserve and need the same protections from abuse, neglect, and exploitation that other children around the world have been promised by their governments through CRC ratification. Let us bring this same promise home to our most vulnerable and powerless citizens by ratifying the CRC and implementing domestic legislation to ensure its protections for families and children.

With your “advice and consent,” you can send the CRC to the President to ratify the treaty before November 20th this year, the 25th anniversary of its unanimous adoption by the United Nations. Please cast your vote in favor of the CRC, thereby supporting children in need at home and around the world.

Sincerely,

Insert Your Name

District or State

Contact Information, if you wish/want a reply