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# There’s Only One Country That Hasn’t Ratified the “Convention on the Rights of the Child:” The United States of America

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To the Honorable Joseph R. Biden JR, President of the United States of America:

I am writing to urge you to **support the ratification of the 1989** [**Convention on the Rights of the Child**](http://www.ohchr.org/en/professionalinterest/pages/crc.aspx) (CRC). To date, the **United States of America is the ONLY country** that has not yet ratified the CRC. We urge you to submit the Convention to the Senate for its advice and consent, so that it can be ratified by the United States as soon as possible.

Demonstrating the United States’ endorsement of its principles, President Clinton signed the CRC, to which the Reagan and George H.W. Bush Administrations made key contributions over a ten-year span of active U.S. leadership on children’s rights promulgated in the otherwise-globally ratified CRC.

Currently, the United States stands alone, as the only country in the world that has not joined the **196 other nations** in embracing this **quarter-century old, most universally-ratified human rights treaty in history**. Thus, we 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.

The epidemic of child abuse, neglect, and exploitation here at home, as well as the growing proportion of children suffering from poverty, trafficking, and incarceration, demonstrates the need for the kind of framework the CRC offers that has helped improve children’s lives, safety, and opportunities for equality around the world. Sending the CRC to the Senate at the earliest possible date, will show your commitment to the core human rights of children at home and abroad.

Sincerely,  
*[Insert Your Name]*

*[District or State]*

*[Contact Information] (if you wish/want a reply)*