SENT VIA E-MAIL

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Ms. Sherri Brun
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Dear Sherri:

 Thanks for your e-mail dated July 20, 2012. The CRPD (Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities) is a document that has been adopted by the UN at the request of the World Blind Union, a worldwide organization of blind people of which we are a member. Fred Schroeder was our negotiator at the UN on the details of the convention, and we are in support of it. The convention is not self-enforcing, but it does cover a great deal of useful territory. In other words, for its provisions to be enforced in a country, that country must adopt the convention itself as well as adopting enabling legislation to create enforceability within the country. Most of the provisions of the convention are already part of U.S. law, but there are some provisions regarding access to technology that are not incorporated in the laws of the United States.

Cordially,

Marc Maurer, President

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

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