



Kirk, McCain, Ayotte, Barrasso Urge Senate to Ratify Disability Treaty

Supreme Court Ruling Clears Way for Senate Action on CRPD

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WASHINGTON, DC (June 6, 2014) – Following the United States Supreme Court's ruling in *Bond v. United States* on Monday, U.S. Senators Mark Kirk (R-Ill.), John McCain (R-Ariz.), Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.) and John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) released the below statement. The *Bond v. United States* case dealt with a federal statute challenge of the Chemical Weapons Convention, which was enacted after the Convention itself was ratified.

Statement: “The Supreme Court’s unanimous ruling in *Bond* is a positive development that should clear the way for Senate action on the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). The Court has made it clear that the *Bond* case should not in any way impede the ratification of the CRPD, and that the Senate can provide advice and consent to this important treaty while preserving American sovereignty and maintaining our Constitution’s balance of powers between the Federal government and the States. The CRPD will ensure that our wounded warriors and disabled citizens are entitled to the same rights and protections around the world that they enjoy here at home. We hope our Senate colleagues will join us to ratify the CPRD as soon as possible.”

Visit the United States International Council on Disabilities (USICD) action center at www.disabilitytreaty.org now to see the text of the treaty and related materials.

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