



## Ratify CEDAW.

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Dear Senator:

I urge you to stand up for women and girls in the US and around the world by ratifying the Convention for Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, commonly known as CEDAW.

Adopted in 1979 by the United Nations General Assembly, this landmark international agreement affirms principles of fundamental human rights and equality for women around the world. It seeks to end violence against women and trafficking, promote equal educational opportunity, improve women's health, end discrimination in the workplace, and encourage women's political participation.

Treaty ratification requires the approval of two-thirds of the United States Senate. The Senate has not taken up CEDAW ratification before, though it has been reported favorably twice from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee with bipartisan support in the 1990s and again in 2002. To date, 187 of the world's 193 countries have ratified CEDAW. Astonishingly, the United States is among the six that have not, a group that includes Iran, Sudan, Somalia, Palau and Tonga. This is UNACCEPTABLE.

Finally, ratification of CEDAW would reinforce our nation's commitment to improving human rights for women. It is time to ratify this critical treaty; women's equality and human rights depend on it. We ask that you lead this fight for us. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Signature

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