

PETITION TO NORTH CAROLINA SENATORS RICHARD BURR AND KAY HAGAN: RATIFY CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women)

This treaty (CEDAW) commits the nations which join it to grant women and girls equality in all fields, among others, education and careers, employment including maternity leave, health care, property and credit, marital status, and political participation. This treaty also commits member countries to eliminate all kinds of violence against women including trafficking of women and girls.

By joining the 186 other nations which are members of CEDAW, the US will leave the list of only 6 other non-members: Iran (Persian Gulf); Sudan and Somalia (northeast Africa); and Nauru, Palau, and Tonga (Pacific islands). The reports submitted every four years under the treaty will enhance US prestige by demonstrating US accomplishments and increase US moral authority to urge other nations to achieve similar equal rights for women.

We the undersigned citizens of North Carolina urge Senators Burr and Hagan to vote “yes” to ratify CEDAW when it is favorably reported out of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to the full Senate.

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