



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
House of Representatives

M E M O R A N D U M

TO : All House Members

FROM : Hon. Will Tallman

SUBJECT : Parental Rights *WJT*

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I will be introducing a resolution in the near future which will urge the U.S. Senate to reject the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

As you may be aware, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is a proposed treaty which may be ratified by the U.S. So far, 192 other countries have agreed to the terms of the treaty, with the U.S. and Somalia being the only U.N. member nations who have not accepted it.

The UNCRC is an international convention setting out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of children. Nations that ratify this international convention are bound to it by international law. Compliance is monitored by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, which is composed of members from countries around the world.

I believe this protocol poses a serious threat to parental rights as well as U.S. sovereignty, as the UNCRC will be able to direct the intrusion of our federal government into our family dynamics, and require our government to dictate and monitor the actions of our families without the benefit of due process.

My resolution will urge the U.S. Senate, which has the constitutional authority to ratify treaties, to reject UNCRC. Although I have also introduced a resolution (House Resolution 97) to urge the U.S. Congress to pass, and send to the states for ratification, a parental rights amendment to the U.S. Constitution, this resolution is limited to urging the Senate to protect our sovereignty and reject UNCRC.

If you would like to join me in sponsoring this resolution, please contact Jodi Addington in my Harrisburg office at 260-6181 or via e-mail at jaddingt@pahousegop.com. Thank you.