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Mr Kelvin Thomson MP
Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Thomson

Thank you for your letter of 10 June 2008 regarding the *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, New York, 13 December 2006*.

The ACT Government supports the ratification of the Convention and is pleased to note that the Australian Capital Territory's *Wellbeing (Disability) Services, Quality of Life Grants* and the *Planning Guidelines for Access and Mobility* are cited on page 11 of the National Interest Analysis as examples of pre-existing policies and programs that are consistent with the Convention.

The ACT Government also believes our legislation, policies and programs comply with all immediate applicable obligations.

I thank you for the opportunity to comment on these international agreements under inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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