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## Conservative Government Ratifies UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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**OTTAWA** – In the House of Commons yesterday, Saskatoon-Wanuskewin MP, Maurice Vellacott, said:

It is with great pleasure that I inform this House that today our Conservative Government has ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

This convention promotes the full inclusion of persons with disabilities around the world.

We know that Canadians with disabilities make significant contributions to our communities and our economy.

That is why our Government has made important investments to create opportunities and support their full inclusion.

For example, the Registered Disability Savings Plan is giving Canadian families peace of mind by helping them save for the long-term financial security of a loved one with a disability.

Mr. Speaker, today all Canadians can truly be proud. The ratification of this historic convention is yet another step to ensuring Canadians with disabilities have opportunities to contribute to our great country.

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