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The undersigned organizations support the immediate ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, as well as the immediate passage of the 'Marrakesh Treaty Implementation Act' (S. 2559), to make modest adjustments to United States copyright law. The proposed legislation and proposed legislative history provisions under consideration represent a consensus approach developed by publishers, libraries, and the print disabilities community to provide clear, balanced implementation of the treaty. We urge the United States Senate to swiftly provide its advice and consent for the Marrakesh Treaty. Furthermore, we urge both the United States Senate and House of Representatives to promptly pass the treaty's implementing legislation, so blind and print disabled Americans can soon benefit from the world's collection of accessible reading materials, and thereby end the book famine.

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