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Secretariat, Committee on the Rights of the Child
Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, UNOG-OHCHR
CH-1211 Geneva 10
Switzerland

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please find attached a submission for the Committee on the Rights of the Child General Day of "Discussion Group 1 The child's right to be heard in judicial and administrative proceedings".

As Children's Advocate for the Province of Saskatchewan, I consider it a great honour to submit the paper entitled, "Saskatchewan Children's Right to Participate and be Heard in Child Welfare Proceedings." This is an exploration of the limitations of children and young persons' participation under the Saskatchewan *Child and Family Services Act* and our recommendations for improvement locally and globally regarding participation in judicial and administrative proceedings.

On behalf of my Office, I wish to thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the important discussion regarding child participation and applaud your encouragement of participation by children at the General Day of Discussion. I am sure both groups will produce valuable recommendations regarding participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marvin M. Bernstein".

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Attachment