

US WOMEN'S CAUCUS AT THE UN

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The Honorable Christopher Lu Representative of the United States to the United Nations US Mission to the United Nations 799 United Nations Plaza New York NY 10017

Dear Ambassador Lu:

On behalf of the US Women's Caucus at the UN, we wish to congratulate you on your recent appointment as US Representative to the United Nations for UN Management and Reform as well as Alternate Representative of the US to the General Assembly of the UN.

Let us introduce our organization. The US Women's Caucus at the UN represents many national and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) recognized by the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Our member organizations work to secure the rights and improve the general welfare of women and girls in the United States and around the world. More information is available on our website (uswomenscaucus.org).

The US Women's Caucus at the UN actively supports the UN 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. We advocate for the US Senate to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), extend the ratification deadline for the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), and reauthorize the Violence against Women Act (VAWA). The attached policy statements for recent sessions of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) give more information on our Caucus positions.

As a person who previously worked on diversity and inclusion issues under the Obama administration, you are no doubt keenly aware of the importance of the open, diverse participation of civil society groups in policy discussions. We welcome very much any opportunity to work with the US Mission on issues related to improving the lives of women and girls.

With very best wishes,

The Rev. Susan H. Lee, Ph.D. President US Women's Caucus at the UN

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ENC. US Women's Caucus Policy Statements, UN Commission on the Status of Women 2021, 2022.