

## Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the House

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## Dear Friends:

It is a privilege to send my warm regards to the dedicated leaders and advocates celebrating Partnerships for Peace at the 63<sup>rd</sup> session of the United Nation's Commission on the Status of Women.

Each March, we recognize the extraordinary contributions of women around the world, whose vision, values and voices enrich our lives and empower our communities. Since 1946, the UN Commission on the Status of Women has played a central role in promoting the fundamental rights and equal opportunity of all women. Thanks to the Commission's determined efforts, we have been able to advance remarkable progress for countless women and girls in communities across the globe – but there is more work to be done.

That is why the work of organizations like Roots of Peace are so vitally important. For over 20 years, Roots of Peace has sown the seeds of a hope and peace in war-torn communities around the world. Under the leadership of Heidi Kuhn and the incredible team at Roots of Peace, fields littered with explosives are now bountiful vineyards of economic opportunity and prosperity for communities to grow and thrive.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, best of luck on a successful gathering, and thank you for your work to save lives, heal communities and nurture a more hopeful future for our children.

best regards,

NANCY PELOSI Speaker of the House