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Dear Friends,

Though I am unable to be with you today, it is with great pleasure that I extend my sincere congratulations to you on your 3rd Annual (Net)Working Conference on Women & Literacy: Moving to Power and Participation. I want to extend a special note of thanks to the WE LEARN organization for once again organizing this event. I am also pleased to welcome all of you who are participating in this weekend's workshop which I am sure that you will find both exciting and useful.

The power of literacy is immeasurable - - it opens the doors of opportunity and success. Throughout history one can see how the ability to read and write has empowered large groups of people to make a difference in their lives and the quality of their communities. Women already face so many obstacles in the workforce and community - - literacy should not be one of them. This is why organizations like WE LEARN and programs like this weekend's conference are so important. The promotion of literacy and the impact that these skills can have on the lives women across the country is invaluable. My deepest thanks to all of you who are here today. Your support, encouragement, and investment in women's literacy will make all of the difference in the lives of many.

I am sorry that I am unable to join you this weekend. I am proud to support your efforts and hope that you will contact me if I can be of any assistance. My very best wishes to all of you for a productive and memorable conference. With warmest regards,

Sincerely,


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