

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Dear Friends:

Please accept my warmest greetings and sincerest congratulations as you gather at the United Nations for the Royal Academy of Science International Trust's commemoration of the 1st Annual International Day of Women and Girls in Science. I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize the Royal Academy's initiative, commitment and hard work that led the Permanent Mission of Malta to the UN to facilitate the negotiations that led to the adoption of the Day by the entire UN General Assembly. The Royal Academy's leadership and staff have made this exciting, inspirational and eventful commemoration possible.

Established in a UN Resolution on December 22, 2015, the International Day of Women and Girls in Science advocates for and recognizes "that women and girls play a critical role in science and technology communities and that their participation should be strengthened."

Measured by the nearly 4 million pledges of support on the Royal Academy's website, the Day will serve to educate the public on different opportunities to celebrate the careers of women and the aspirations of girls in all areas of science, whether engineering and mathematics, or library science and law.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, thank you for your hard work, commitment and support for all women. I know the International Day will continue to grow and flourish as an expression of excellence that marks the contributions to the economy by women in the sciences.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator