

# United States Senate

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Dear Friends,

Please accept my warmest greetings and congratulations as you gather for Celebrating Women International's 2014 "*Woman of Excellence Award*". I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize the fine work of Celebrating Woman International and tonight's honorees on this wonderful occasion.

Established in 2001, Celebrating Women International recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments and talents of outstanding female leaders across the globe. By acknowledging women's achievements, CWI hopes other women will expand business and entrepreneurial opportunities for themselves and to better their communities. CWI recognizes that women in leadership roles provide opportunities to unite, engage, connect and inspire greatness in others. CWI continues to better opportunities for advancement while leveraging the untapped potential of others and help women lead more productive lives. As a father of two daughters, I support your contributions to improve opportunities for women and celebrate the accomplishments of women across the globe.

Furthermore, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to this evening's honorees for their determination to create a path for women in the arts, business, finance, trade, religion, law, government, entertainment and sports. I am honored to recognize these 100 dynamic women from across the globe that remain committed to service in their communities and the United States. Their vision and commitment serves as an inspiration to us all.

Again, I thank you for your hard work and dedication on behalf of all New Yorkers. I know Celebrating Women International will continue to serve women for many years to come. Best wishes for a wonderful evening.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senator