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## Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Participants of the "Women of the Mountains" International Conference:

It is my pleasure to welcome you as you gather to discuss important issues women and children face today.

Utah is a great place hold your conference because of our history, traditions and heritage. Strong, dedicated women were critical to the success of the state and its families. I hope that the conference will allow mutually beneficial dialogue for all as we pursue our common goals and strategies toward strong families, justice, equality and economic opportunity for the more vulnerable in society.

I commend the organizers of this important gathering, as well as the representatives of the Rocky Mountain States and the world's mountain communities who are present. I wish you well and sincerely hope you enjoy our hospitality.

Warmest regards,

Chris Cannon

Member of Congress