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To all the friends and supporters of the Nomi Network:

I am delighted to send my best wishes to the Nomi Network on the occasion of its 3rd Annual Cocktail Reception and Awards Ceremony! This ceremony provides a wonderful opportunity to honor extraordinary individuals from both public and private sectors who have made significant contributions in the fight to eliminate sex slavery. Sex trafficking is a far too common practice that victimizes young vulnerable women not only around the world, but here in the United States. Nomi Network works to provide survivors and at-risk women with job training and viable economic opportunity.

I am thrilled to join you in saluting your distinguished honorees, Ambassador Swanee Hunt and Dr. Jean Baderschneider. My friend, Ambassador Hunt has been a tireless activist in the effort to end human trafficking. She founded Hunt Alternatives Fund, which has invested over \$130 million in support of nonprofit organizations and initiatives around the world to benefit women and children globally. Among other roles at Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, Ambassador Hunt is an Eleanor Roosevelt Lecturer in Public Policy, senior fellow at the Center for Public Leadership, and senior advisor to The Initiative to Stop Human Trafficking at the Carr Center for Human Rights. Dr. Baderschneider is the Vice President of Global Procurement for ExxonMobil. She is deeply involved in efforts to combat human trafficking globally, serving as Chair of the National Advisory Council of The Polaris Project leading a global anti-human trafficking strategy and an Advisory Board member of End Human Trafficking Now. She is also a member of other philanthropic boards dedicated to social responsibility in business.

Founded in 2009 by Diana Mao and Alissa Moore, the Nomi Network works with human trafficking survivors and other vulnerable women mainly in India and Cambodia by providing entrepreneurship training, helping women improve the quality of their handmade products, and increasing their access to the marketplace. The organization raises awareness about the issues of human trafficking and sex slavery, and partners with various companies to create economic opportunities for women to sell their products. The Nomi Network has been recognized at the Ethnical Fashion Forum 2012 Source Awards as "One to Watch" in innovation and was included in GreatNonprofits' 2012 Top-Rated List.

I am proud to congratulate the Nomi Network for serving its vital mission to protect and support vulnerable women around the world. I join you in saluting tonight's honorees whose efforts in the public and private sectors have empowered women everywhere. I wish you an enjoyable evening and many years of success.

Member of Congress

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